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# Hostilities Break Out Again In Negev Desert

## MONTH-OLD TRUCE ENDS

Tel-Aviv, Dec. 23.—Fighting flared up today in the Negev desert where a shaky truce between the Egyptians and the Jews has been in force since mid-November. An Israeli military spokesman confirmed Arab radio reports that hostilities began again last night in the Negev.

A war atmosphere has developed through Israel, but he said the fighting today had been on a small scale. He announced that Israeli ground and air forces took part in renewed clashes with Egyptian forces in the Nirim area of southern Palestine during the night.

The air forces on both sides had taken "limited action" dropping bombs on each other's forward positions, he added.

In Haifa, a United Nations spokesman said observers on the spot had reported Israeli Navy units shelling the coast at 8 p.m. yesterday. Observers were also said to have counted 16 bombs dropped on Gaza, the Northern Negev seat of the Arab "Palestine Government." The spokesman said tonight that observers in Southern Palestine had been ordered to investigate a triple complaint by the Egyptians.

## Another Shocking Air Disaster

Madrid, Dec. 23.—Twenty-seven persons were killed when an Iberian Airlines plane crashed into a mountain near Barcelona today. First reports said there were no survivors.

The plane, en route from Barcelona to Madrid, crashed in the Pandola Sierra mountains in the province of Tarragona.

The bodies of the 24 passengers and three crew members were scattered over a wide area.

The crash was said to be the most serious in the history of the Iberia Company, which is controlled by the Spanish government. The plane was believed to have crashed because of poor visibility.

Heavy rains drenched rescue workers carrying bodies down the mountain. All the victims were believed to be Spanish and included four women and one young girl. United Press.

## EDITORIAL

### High-Hatted Nonsense

We have several times complained about the tendency in certain Government departments to treat the Press as though it were an intolerable nuisance and unfit for human contact. On the one hand information, when given at all, is offered reluctantly, and quite often has to take the form of a written reply through the PRO which prevents the reporter from asking supplementary questions. This is but a mild form of obstructionism. Much more serious is the determination on the part of some officials to assert an authority with which they are not invested and endeavour to intimidate pressmen from carrying out their duties. This is not only obnoxious, but should be the subject of a definite instruction from the Colonial Secretary that the practice must cease. An example of the autocratic manner in which some Government officials attempt to deal with the newspapers was given this week in connection with the air disaster at Basalt Island. The Director of Air Services apparently became incensed to see pressmen at the scene of the accident the day after it had occurred and expressed the opinion that he would find out how they managed to get there. He then proceeded to deny press photographers access to the scene of the crash. As to how the press representatives and the photographers arrived at Basalt Island we fail to see what business it is of the Director of Air Services. They may have gone by private launch, walla-wall or even in a Government launch. It is the first time we were aware that the DOAS possesses any control or authority over harbour craft, nor do we appreciate where he obtains the right to say

The Egyptians had complained that their Negev pocket at Faluja was under Jewish artillery and mortar fire and air bombardment yesterday, and that their airport at El Arish was attacked by three Israeli planes and that a camp at Rafa and the village of Can Yunis was bombed.

The spokesman said the Egyptian Government had also sent a letter to the Security Council asking for "prompt and immediate action in view of a new violation of the truce by the Jews on December 22."

General William Riley, the United Nations Chief of Staff in Palestine, had informed the Jews that Egypt was now demanding that all troops be withdrawn from the Negev before armistice negotiations were opened.

The Israeli Government felt bound "to reserve its freedom of action to defend its territory" since the Egyptian Government had "changed its mind and was not now willing to take practical steps in the direction of peace."

### ISRAEL'S "CONCERN"

"The Government of Israel," said a letter to General Riley, "has been watching with concern the steady deterioration of the prospects of peace with Egypt. After the visit to the Middle East by Dr Ralph Bunche, the United Nations acting Mediator, the Government of Israel was prepared as a token of goodwill to order a start to be made in the

resumption of the wreckage of Air Services is obviously exceeding his duty and his authority. It is appreciated that the DOAS has work to perform when an air crash occurs within the borders of Hongkong; so too have the Press. The Director's task is to investigate and submit a report to his official superiors; the pressman has to investigate and submit a report to the general public. And the sooner some Government officials realize that the newspapermen are trying to do a job for which they are trained and paid, and for which the general public purchase the papers, the sooner there will be more harmonious relations between the Press and officialdom. Newspeople are not assigned to jobs for the purpose of obstructing or intimidating officials, and by the same token they should not be subjected to these humiliating experiences at the hands of individuals who are quick to allow a sense of authority to go to their heads.

Neither the local Press nor the agency and foreign correspondents in Hongkong are irresponsible in the fulfillment of their duties, but when they run up against high-flated officialdom attempting to impede them from doing their job properly, they are not to be blamed if the public have to go short of all the facts. With the new year approaching, the time seems appropriate to have settled once and for all the rights of local pressmen in the carrying out of their duties, and thus avoid unpleasant repetition of the Basalt Island nonsense.

### Jews Sail For Israeli

Shanghai, Dec. 24.—Eight hundred and fifty-six Jews sailed this morning on board an International Refugee Organisation chartered vessel, the Wooster Victory, for Palestine in the first mass Jewish exodus from China.

The ship's destination is Italy, where the evacuees will proceed by other means to their new homes in Israel.

A second vessel, the Castel Blanca, is expected to arrive here to take another group of 800 Jewish settlers on or about January 2.

Poignant scenes were witnessed as families packed the wharves to bid goodbye to sons and daughters and relatives. Approximately 6,000 Jews, or almost 60 per cent of Far Eastern Jewry, is reported to have registered for resettlement in Israel and they will be evacuated as ships become available.

Sincere thanks to the Chinese Government for the hospitality extended to the Jewish people was expressed by a spokesman of the departing evacuees today.

He said: "The Chinese Government welcomed Jewish displaced persons escaping from the horrors of Hitler's Germany and gave them sanctuary and a chance to re-establish themselves once more."

"Jewry will not forget China's kindness at their time of need."

Reuters

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The Editor and his staff extend to their readers season's greetings and the wish that one and all will enjoy a Very Happy Christmas

### Reds On The Move In Tientsin Suburbs

Tientsin, Dec. 24.—Communist forces in the northwestern suburbs of Tientsin have begun to move to the northeast. Chinese despatches last night said.

This follows a whole week of probing attacks around the city.

In the southern district, the despatches added that the situation was slightly tenser but the emergency airport located there has not yet been molested.

A high Nationalist officer told Chinese newspapermen that the Communist problems have ended and troop movements from the northern outskirts and other localities were now expected.

This officer said the Nationalist claim to have recovered Nantang, in the northwestern suburb, followed a Communist redeployment.

### "LOCUST" ARMY

Meanwhile, a "locust" Nationalist army continued to throb Tientsin despite the overcrowded conditions of the metropolis. They are occupying all available accommodation.

The Municipal Government revealed that 50,000 labourers were being immediately pressed into service for assisting the city's defence works.

### Next Issue, Monday

The next issue of the Hongkong Telegraph will be at midday on Monday, December 27.

The Bureau of Social Affairs has received orders to organise and train regional first-aid and stretcher bearing corps, besides the collection of comfort articles for troops at the front.

The Chinese press admits fighting continued yesterday to the north of Tangku, following a fierce battle throughout the day, during which General Lin Piao's forces were alleged to have suffered considerable casualties. There was no mention of Nationalist losses.

### SUN FO CONVINCED

Nanking, Dec. 24.—"China can not rely on foreign aid to obtain the goal for which the government is fighting," Premier Sun Fo on Thursday night told the first session of his new cabinet. He sold the "ultimate aim" of the war is peace.

Dr Sun mentioned no peace efforts and reminded his cabinet the government tried but failed to negotiate peace with the Communists after the Japanese war ended.

Some well-qualified independent observers, who were in touch with the Republican Government before the Dutch action started, believe the Republicans had a plan to maintain their forces intact as far as possible and that they had even sacrificed their much publicised scorched earth policy for this purpose.

Dutch troops today advanced 20 miles and occupied Moock, on Java's

north coast in the first day of their

## More Sanctions Imposed Against Netherlands

### INDIA & PAKISTAN

London, Dec. 23.—Two more Asian countries—India and Pakistan—today imposed their own sanctions against The Netherlands' military action in Indonesia by banning Dutch planes from their air-fields.

The Dutch supply routes to the East Indies were already limited by Ceylon's decision to close its ports and landing fields to ships and planes carrying troops or munitions and the Australian Waterside Workers' boycott of Dutch ships sailing to Indonesia.

The suspension of landing facilities to KLM (Royal Dutch Airlines) planes was announced in a New Delhi statement which said that India regards the Dutch "police action" in Java and Sumatra as a state of war between The Netherlands and the Republic of Indonesia.

The Pakistan Foreign Minister, Sir Zafrullah Khan, announced the ban in the Pakistan Parliament and said that if the Dutch did not call off their attack soon, Pakistan would "act in every diplomatic direction or any other direction open to the Government to mark its condemnation of the outrage committed against the people of Indonesia."

In Holland, KLM officials announced that tonight's regular flight to Batavia had been cancelled "for technical reasons." The KLM were understood to have made plans to operate without Calcutta and Colombo but would have to reconsider their whole position if Kdrachi could not be used. Pakistan's decision was unexpected.

**"GOOD PROGRESS"**

A military spokesman at The Hague said today that troops were making good progress in Indonesia despite the overcrowded conditions of the metropolis. They are occupying all available accommodation.

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The Dutch review of military operations reported slight road-block resistance in many areas, the uncompleted destruction of others and some destruction by Republican forces evacuating towns. —Reuters

**SOVIET CONDEMNATION**

Paris, Dec. 23.—The Russian delegate, Mr Jacob Mallik, today asked the Security Council to condemn the Dutch attack in Indonesia as "unprovoked aggression" and a "breach of international peace."

"We consider the Security Council must order the Dutch 'troops back,'" said Mr. Mallik. "The Soviet Union suggests a Security Council committee consisting of all members. This committee would have the task of observing the Dutch retreat. It could also co-operate to regulate the conflict as a whole."

The Soviet Union will present a draft resolution on this matter."

At the debate continued, the Dutch spokesman, Mr. J. H. van Royen, said in reply to a question about complying with the ceasefire: "We have already taken all important objectives we want to take."

A United States delegation is working behind the scenes to persuade the Dutch to release the imprisoned Republican leaders. The Dutch said they would not release the prisoners until they were ready to do so.

The Council session adjourned at 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 a.m. Friday. —United Press.

### TOWN DESTROYED

Paris, Dec. 23.—Indonesian Republican sources who heard the secret Republican radio in Indonesia reported today that Dutch bombs have completely destroyed Dukittingi, Sumatra. —United Press.

## What At This Time Of The Year?

London, Dec. 23.—By making habitual toppers blunt every time they swallow a glass of wine, beer or spirits, Dr O. Martensen Larsen, of Copenhagen, thinks he has found a cure for alcoholism.

The bluntness, as deep as one which might come to a teetotaller caught drinking on the sly, is caused by the drug antabuse, an article in the Lancet said.

Dr Larsen treated 83 patients with this drug last year and got promising results in 74 cases. Besides the blunting, the drug causes palpitation, nausea and a "hangover, headache." But these are claimed to be only transient and the patient eventually loses all desire and taste for alcohol.

So far, said Dr Larsen, it is not possible to tell how long the results will last or whether ill effects might follow the continued use of the drug. So he is investigating further. —Reuters

## Madame To Stay On In U.S.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Madame Chiang Kai-shek, who flew here early this month on an urgent mission to obtain help for her husband's Chinese Nationalist Regime, has taken up quarters in Washington for an indefinite stay.

Reporters found her on Thursday established at the Washington home of her brother, Dr T. V. Soong, one-time Finance Minister of the Nanking Government.

Mrs George Marshall, wife of the Secretary of State, had disclosed earlier that the Generalissimo's wife moved out of the Marshall Loesberg home on Monday after a three week stay. Mr Marshall said she is closing up the Loesberg home and moving into Walter Reed Hospital to spend the holidays with her husband, who is recovering from an operation.

"Madame Chiang's mission to Washington has not been completed and she hopes to finish it after the first of the year," a person close to her said.

### FURTHER DISCUSSION

He indicated she hopes to have further discussions with Government officials about aid for China, but declined to indicate with whom he hopes to talk.

Prior to Madame Chiang's taking up residence at her brother's home in a fashionable part of Washington, the house was newly furnished, apparently in preparation for her arrival.

A second source said that when the Generalissimo's wife came to Washington on December 1, "she hoped her stay here would be short."

"Asked when she might be leaving, this person said, "she may be home by Chinese New Year." That is during the first part of February.

Spending the New Year holidays with Madame Chiang are Dr and Mrs. H. H. Kung. Madame Kung is Madame Chiang's sister. Dr Kung is a former Premier of the Chinese Government. He is temporarily in New York on business for his Government. —Associated Press.

Grenleys



Greetings  
for  
Christmas  
and New Year

### Your Holiday Weather

Weather prospects for the holiday week-end appear favourable, said the Royal Observatory this morning.

Pointing out the difficulty of forecasting for more than 24 hours at this time in this part of the world, the Observatory said, nevertheless, that indications are that the mist and drizzle which have been hanging over Hongkong are likely to disappear and we may see a bit of the sun.

The temperature is likely to be lower. For the past three weeks, the temperature has been above normal, and this period, described by the Observatory as "exceptional," is likely to change, cooler weather being anticipated.



# YOUR RADIO LISTENING FOR NEXT WEEK IN DETAIL - A "TELEGRAPH" FEATURE

## Special Dance Programme For New Year Eve Home Parties

With an eye to catering for New Year Eve parties at home, Radio Hongkong has arranged for next Friday night to put on a specially selected programme of recorded dance music from the studio, starting at 11 p.m.

The programme will go through to 11.55, and will be interrupted at midnight for Big Ben's Chimes and Auld Lang Syne, and will then resume until a quarter past twelve.

The programme will enable parties at home to dance without the bother of changing records on the gramophone.

Full details of tomorrow's Christmas programmes, which were outlined in the Telegraph earlier this week, appear below.

### TONIGHT

8.00 Music for Christmas. Famous Carols sung by the BBC Chorus.

8.20 SPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN.

9.10 Old Folks at Home. Swanee River.

Stepford Wags. Look Luther and the

Lon Murray Quartet. Songs from the

Kentucky Minstrels. Plantation

Orchestra.

7.30 HOSPITAL REQUEST HOUR:

PRESENTED BY NAN DICKINSON

(STUDIO).

8.00 CHILDREN'S HOUR: CAROLS

FROM "ROUND THE WORLD".

8.10 WYNNE AND LESLIE

IN "THE TOP OF THE

FAIRY (Being the private hit of

the Fairy on top of the Xmas tree).

CHRISTMAS FAIRY: FAIRY

ARRANGED BY THE

FAIRY.

7.00 WORLD NEWS (LONDON RELAY).

7.10 Interlude. Songs on Parade (A Selection of

British Marches)—London Palladium Orchestra.

7.15 A STORY: THE CAPTAIN

PLAYER: WRITER AND HEAD

BLACK SHEPHERD (STUDIO).

7.20 "Nothing But Music": Sidney Torch

conducting the Queen's Hall Light

Orchestra.

7.30 CHRISTMAS EDITION (LONDON

RELAY).

8.00 SATURDAY ROUND-UP: CHRIST

MAIL FROM ENGLAND: THE

PAKISTAN WHICH BROUGHT THE

MAIL.

8.40 "THE MAN BORN TO BE KING":

BY DOROTHY L. HAMILTON (A

REQUIEM FOR TWELVE PLAYS).

8.45 "Kings in Judaea": Produced

by Noel Hilt.

9.00 A Carol Symphony by Victor Hely-Hutchinson Played by the London Symphony Orchestra.

10.00 "CHRISTMAS FAIRY": FAIRY

ARRANGED BY HANNAH HARTY

conducting the Halle Orchestra; 4th movement: Salarelli; Mother Goose (Ma Mere L'Oye) (Ravel); A Pavane of the North (Ravel); (2nd movement); Iambic Pantomime (Ravel); (3rd movement); Iambic Pantomime (Ravel); (4th movement); The Fairy Queen—Columbus Broadcasting Symphony Orch. conducted by Howard Darro.

11.30 RELAY—OF THE CHRISTMAS

SERVICE FROM ST. JOHN'S

CATHEDRAL.

11.45 Strings of the George Melachrino

Orchestra.

El Helicore: Poeme (Flibé): Thank

you, My Sweet Serenade (Toselli); I

love you too much.

12.00 Chapple D'Amato and His Orches-

tra, with Bette Roberts and Dave

Fulberts.

Oh, what a beautiful morning: The

darren Irish Boy; Deed I do: Indians;

Hoppy Hop; Fascinating Rhythms; My

Marguerite; With a song in my

heart.

12.10 Daily Programme Summary.

12.12 "From the Shows": Popular

British Comedians—Vocal Gems (Sir

Edward German); Miriam Liceite, Clara

Serrano, Francis Russell, Dennis Noble

Robert Carr, Chorus and Orchestra—

Glory of the North (Sydney Jones)—Mark

Weber and His Chorus; Miss Took of

Holland—Vocal Gems (Paul Rubens);

Light Opera Comp.; Comedy Girl

—The Great Lovers (Monique); London

Theatre Orch; Chu Chin Chow—Selection

(Norton)—The London Palladium Orch;

The Maid of the Mountains (Fraser-

Simon)—Vocal Gems—Light Opera

Butter Sweet—Selections—Good Cewe-

London Palladium Orchestr;—Big Ben

(Herbert and Ellis); Vocal—Liebeth

Webb, Noel Gordon, Trevor Jones, Eric

Palmer, Chorus and Orchestra—Pantomime

—The Green Robin (Ivor Novello);

Chorus Shawell and His Orch;

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12.17 "From the Shows": Popular

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—The Green Robin (Ivor Novello);

Chorus Shawell and His Orch;

12.20 Close Down.

12.22 Programme Summary.

12.24 THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH (LON-

DON RELAY).

12.25 The George Melachrino

Orchestra.

You've done something to my heart;

It's like the hills;—I'm in love;

## BBC Overseas Shortwave Programmes

SUNDAY, DEC. 26

8.00 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
8.15 HIGHLIGHTS  
8.20 ENGLISH MAGAZINE  
7.00 THE NEWS  
7.10 Interlude  
7.15 RHYTHM AT THE OPERA  
(gramophone records)  
8.00 FROM THE EDITORIALS  
8.15 ITALIA  
9.05 LIFE IN BRITAIN  
9.10 Interlude  
9.15 MELODY TIME  
Gerald and his Concert Orchestra  
10.00 RADIO NEWWHEEL  
10.15 CONCERTO  
A series of weekly programmes  
Vivaldi and Bach  
Concerto in A minor for four pianos  
and strings (Vivaldi, arr. Bach) and  
Concerto in D minor for three pianos  
and strings (Bach), played by Kathleen  
Pringle, arr. by Robert Irwin, and the  
BBC Studio Orchestra, conductor, Ian Whyte. Pro-  
gramme also includes Chaconne in G  
minor for Bells (Purcell, arr. Whittaker)  
The Water Music (Handel, arr.  
Harry)

11.20 Interlude  
11.30 FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOUR  
11.35 Interlude  
12.00 THE NEWS.

MONDAY, DEC. 27

9.00 A Celebration by  
THE KENTUCKY MINSTRELS  
of their hundredth performance  
A. C. Street, conductor, soloist. Guest  
artist: Eric Connor. The American Singers  
Revie Orchestra and Male Voice Chorus  
conducted by Leslie Woodgate. At the  
organ: Charles Smart. Book written and  
presented by Leslie Woodgate. Chorus  
arrangements by Denis Arnold.  
The show devised and produced by Harry  
H. Pepper

7.00 THE NEWS  
7.10 Interlude  
7.15 CHRISTMAS BANDSTAND  
JOYCE GREENFELD  
8.15 SPORTING RECORD  
8.45 BRITISH INDUSTRY  
A talk by William Holt  
9.00 SOUTH AFRICA v. M.C.C. THE  
SECOND CRICKET TEST MATCH  
A commentary by John Arlott on the  
first day's play at Johannesburg

9.45 ROSS FLUTE  
(Canadian pianist)  
10.00 RADIO NEWWHEEL  
10.15 CONCERTO IN  
"WATERLOGUE SPA"  
Christian Edition

11.20 The Hearted Arthur invites you to  
"ARTHUR ASKEY'S CHRISTMAS  
SHOW"  
with Arthur Askey, Richard Murdoch,  
BBC Orchestra, conducted by Stanley  
Black  
12.00 THE NEWS

TUESDAY, DEC. 28

8.00 SCIENCE REVIEW  
8.15 LIGHT MUSIC  
(gramophone records)  
8.20 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK  
7.00 THE NEWS

7.15 MUSIC FROM GRAND HOTEL  
The Palm Court Orchestra Directed by  
Tom Jenkins Jane Lowe (mezzo-soprano)

7.45 THINK ON THESE THINGS  
8.00 FROM THE EDITORIALS  
8.15 TO TOWN WITH TERRY  
Christian edition with Terry Dunning,  
May, and June, other well-known  
personalities, and Terry Thomas. BBC  
Variety Orchestra Conductor: Ian  
Jenkins

8.45 BRITISH FARMER  
"Looking to 1949" by A. G. Street  
9.00 THE NEWS

9.15 SOUTH AFRICA v. M.C.C. THE  
SECOND CRICKET TEST MATCH  
A commentary by John Arlott on the  
second day's play at Johannesburg

9.45 ANNE SHELDON  
In introducing Anne Arden

10.00 RADIO NEWWHEEL  
10.15 VARIETY BANDBOX

11.30 NEW RECORDS  
Presented by Robert Tredinnick  
12.00 THE NEWS

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29

8.00 REPORT FROM BRITAIN  
8.15 SANDY MACPHERSON AT THE  
THEATRE ORGAN  
8.20 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK  
7.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA  
TRA

8.00 FROM THE EDITORIALS  
8.15 ROBERT IRWIN BANDS  
The "Jack White Colleagues" from Jack  
White's Orchestra

8.00 VARIETY CALLS THE TUNE  
BBC Variety Orchestra Conductor: Roy  
Jenkins with Robert Irwin

8.00 THE NEWS  
9.15 SOUTH AFRICA v. M.C.C.  
THE SECOND CRICKET TEST MATCH  
A commentary by John Arlott on the  
third day's play at Johannesburg

9.45 JEAN MERLOW AND JANETTA  
MCSTAY  
at two pianos

10.00 RADIO NEWWHEEL  
10.15 BAND PARADE

11.20 Interlude  
11.30 BOOKS TO READ  
11.45 THE THEATRE IN LONDON  
A talk by Roy MacQueen Pope

12.00 THE NEWS

THURSDAY, DEC. 30

8.00 BALANCE OF EUROPE  
8.15 BRITISH MUSICAL IN MUSIC OF  
TCHAIKOVSKY  
(gramophone records)

8.20 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK

7.00 THE NEWS

7.15 STAR VARIETY  
with The Radio Jewellers and Donald  
Peers. *Introduction* by Jack Baker

7.15 ROBERT IRWIN ORCHESTRA  
Conductor: Marcel Thomas

8.00 FROM THE EDITORIALS  
8.15 SHIPMENT ABROAD  
8.45 OBSERVATION POST

9.00 THE NEWS  
9.15 SOUTH AFRICA v. M.C.C. THE  
SECOND CRICKET TEST MATCH  
A commentary by John Arlott on the  
fourth day's play at Johannesburg

9.45 ACCORDION CLUB  
Primo Scialo and Accordion Band

10.15 BRITISH CONCERT HALL

New London Orchestra conducted and  
presented by Alice Sherman. Overture:  
"Hansel and Gretel" Humperdinck Tanturi.  
"Grand Bas" Symphony No. 4 (The  
Italian) Mendelssohn

11.20 Interlude  
11.30 THE BRAINS TRUST  
Guest Team: Collin Brooks, Kingsley  
Martin, and Wilson Harris. Questioner:  
Gilbert Harding

12.00 THE NEWS

FRIDAY, DEC. 31

6.00 SPECIAL DISPATCH

6.15 BOOKS TO READ

7.00 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK

7.15 QUEEN'S HALL LIGHT ORCHESTRA

Conductor: Sidney Torch

8.00 FROM THE EDITORIALS

8.15 JAZZ CLUB

8.45 LOOKING AT BRITAIN

9.00 THE NEWS

9.45 BBC CONCERT ORCHESTRA

Conductor: Sir Adrian Boult. Symphony No. 4, Brahms

10.00 RADIO NEWWHEEL

10.15 "LOVE FEVER"

11.30 SCOTTISH MAGAZINE

12.00 THE NEWS

SATURDAY, JAN. 1

6.00 WORLD AFFAIRS

6.15 THE THEATRE IN LONDON

A talk by W. MacQueen Pope

8.15 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK

7.00 THE NEWS

7.15 EASTERN INQUITY AND  
HENRY WILSON

at two pianos

7.30 Kim Peacock and Marjorie West-  
bury in "PAUL, TEMPLE AND THE  
CIVILISATION CASE"

A serial in eight episodes by Francis  
Durbridge. Episode 2: "Welcome to Dul-  
worth Bay"

8.00 FROM THE EDITORIALS

8.15 MONTMARTRE PLAYERS

8.30 MUSH-BINDING-IN-THE-MARSH

9.00 THE NEWS

9.15 END OF THE YEAR REVIEW—  
HIGHLIGHTS OF 1948

Commentary by Wyndham Vaughan Thomas

9.45 ORCHESTRAS OF THE WORLD

10.15 Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (gramo-  
phonograph records)

10.30 SOUTH AFRICA v. M.C.C. THE  
THIRD CRICKET TEST MATCH

A commentary by John Arlott on the first  
day's play at Cape Town

11.00 SATURDAY SPORT

Including commentaries on Association  
Football: Bristol Rovers v. Notts County.

Commentator: F. N. S. Crook. (Pro-  
gramme includes commentaries and music in-  
cluded in this period)

12.00 THE NEWS



"I seem to remember a lot of brave talk this morning about not having a drink with the boys and coming home early to help us."

## THE TELEGRAPH PRESENTS TODAY THE FIRST INSTALMENT OF A MASTERFUL CHARACTER STUDY OF THE SOVIET DICTATOR

# THE REAL STALIN

By EMIL LUDWIG

One man has had the entire world in an almost constant state of terror unparalleled since the heyday of Adolf Hitler. That man is Josef Stalin.

Once proud nations cringe in mortal terror of his next move. Others are already so subservient that they virtually have lost their identity. Still others—primarily the United States—are resuming with an eye on the unpredictable tomorrow.

What makes Stalin behave the way he does? What manner of man is this who holds within his hands more power than Caesar did, and whose designs stir such fear in the hearts of his fellow men?

SECONDLY, I must imagine a strong-looking, but rather thick-set man about whom everything seems heavy and slow: his carriage, his gait, his gestures, and his speech.

Everything about him seems stand-offish, coldly calculating, cautious—and most of it has a sombre effect on his visitors.

The impression—which Joseph Stalin makes on all Europeans who meet him—including all Russians (to whom he, racially, does not belong)—is that of outlandishness.

Americans feel that, of course, even more strongly.

I talked to Stalin for three solid hours, sitting opposite him, and he did not look at me once. He seems to be a man without nerves, or at any rate a man able to control his nerves to a degree altogether uncanny. He is taciturn and patient.

Were his character as a whole different, those characteristics could have made him a statesman, and popular leader of the stature of the late Thomas G. Masaryk (founder of the Czechoslovak Republic after World War I).

But unlike Masaryk, Stalin is no philosopher. Stalin is a man filled to the brim with hidden passions; and therefore his life has taken a course quite different from that of the Czech statesman.

When you recall the most remarkable man you've ever met in your own life, you may find one who had both patience and a passionate disposition—and you will remember that the very combination of those traits was bound to put that man into conflict with his surroundings.

He could watch the lackey sitting beside the coachman on the box in his gold-braided scarlet livery, and keeping his arrogant eyes on the urchins, lest they annoy the horses.

The natural defiance the adolescent must have felt soon bred in him a deep grudge against the ruling class—and these sentiments could well have turned him into an ordinary criminal.

But the ardent wish of his mother to another turn to his life. A cousin of hers happened to know the principal of a religious seminary in Tiflis, and through that relative she beseeched the principal to take an interest in her boy. She succeeded.

### THE SEMINARY

SURELY it was the most rewarding morning of her troubled life when she was allowed to cross the threshold of the seminary with her fourteen-year-old son, and hand him over to the Greek Orthodox priest in charge of it, her eyes filled with gratitude and pleading.

Now, that seminary was not exactly a monastic place offering idyllic peace. Actually, students' rotted off occurred time and again there. For about a hundred years which are just as uneven as the one stone step of the entrance door.

This little house stands in a small provincial town of the Caucasus region, whose name is about as tongue-twisting as that of Stalin's original family name. Practically all Russian communist leaders of his generation adopted aliases.

In one of those four rooms Stalin's father, a cobbler, had his workshop, while the adjoining room

becomes known to the world, and who more often than not has to use such words as "Soviet" or "Koba" instead of "Stalin"—it is only natural that such a man comes to bear a grudge toward his more fortunate comrades, and goes gloomily without any change in his situation.

When, after the revolution of 1905, the various political factions came into being, Stalin was stationed chiefly for two years in the oil region of Baku. It was occupied with organising Russian workers through lectures and the distribution of pamphlets. At the same time he was indoctrinating the peasants with the Marxist principle that they could liberate themselves only under the leadership of organised labour.

### SIBERIAN EXILE

"THE labour meetings, starting late, ended always at a very late hour," one of Stalin's companions of those days reminisces, "and then Stalin would go to one of the two taverns that kept open till 2 a.m. He would have some tea, and rove the streets to wait for the first regular tavern to open at 4 a.m."

"There he would have some tea again, take a nap on a wooden bench till seven, and then rest at the place of some comrade. He had done much reading in the long nights of his Siberian exile.

There is a story about Stalin reading Marx to one of his guards until the soldier fell asleep; then slipping out long enough to go fishing.

Siberian fishing and hunting have restored the shattered health of many a future Russian leader. That is true of Gorki, Trotsky, Kallin and—later—some of the marshals. By sending his mortal enemies into exile, the czar sent them also to a kind of punishment.

Stalin had to elude the police, again and again change his name, his domicile and the town he lived in.

There exist police photos of Stalin with a full black beard, and others with a clean-shaven face.

For more than fifteen years Stalin led that kind of life, interrupted only by exile in Siberia.

He seems to have served six different stretches in Siberia every time, managing, as incidentally did all his comrades, to escape. He also came to know well over a dozen regular Russian prisons. Thus he spent his youth and early manhood—from his eighteenth to his thirty-eighth year.

There is one trait that emerged in Stalin very early to hold its sway over him for the rest of his life, and which had no counterpart in the character patterns of other criminals. Perhaps that trait might be called Asiatic.

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THE European YMCA Amateur Dramatic Club's 1948 Christmas pantomime, "Red Riding Hood," has had four successful nights this week, and will be repeated next Tuesday and Thursday. Here are three scenes from the colourful production. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



CAROLS were rendered by the choirs of St Stephen's Girls' College and Wah Yan College during the concert given by the Hongkong Light Orchestra at the Hongkong Hotel on Sunday evening. Mr H. V. Ardy conducted the choirs. (Golden Studio)



LADY Gibson (third from left), wife of the Chief Justice, opened the fair held on Murray Parade Ground last Saturday in aid of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



HE the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, accompanied by officials of the Hongkong Chinese Manufacturers' Union, tours the Hongkong Products Fair, which he opened last week. Over two hundred thousand people have visited the exhibition. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



AT left and above are two pictures taken on Monday at the Christmas children's party given by HMS Tamar. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



NEW TEACHERS—Graduates of the Northcote Training College photographed with the Principal, Mr W. J. Dyer. (Francis Wu)



MR Dometrio Maria Xavier and his bride, formerly Miss Mabel Dorothy Howard, smile happily after their wedding.



PICTURE taken after the wedding of Dr F. J. Roelofs Heymans and Miss M. E. Dyckmoester, which took place at the English Methodist Church last Saturday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR and Mrs Hans Blocklin photographed with their attendants after their wedding at St John's Cathedral last week. The bride was Miss Wilma Weaver. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

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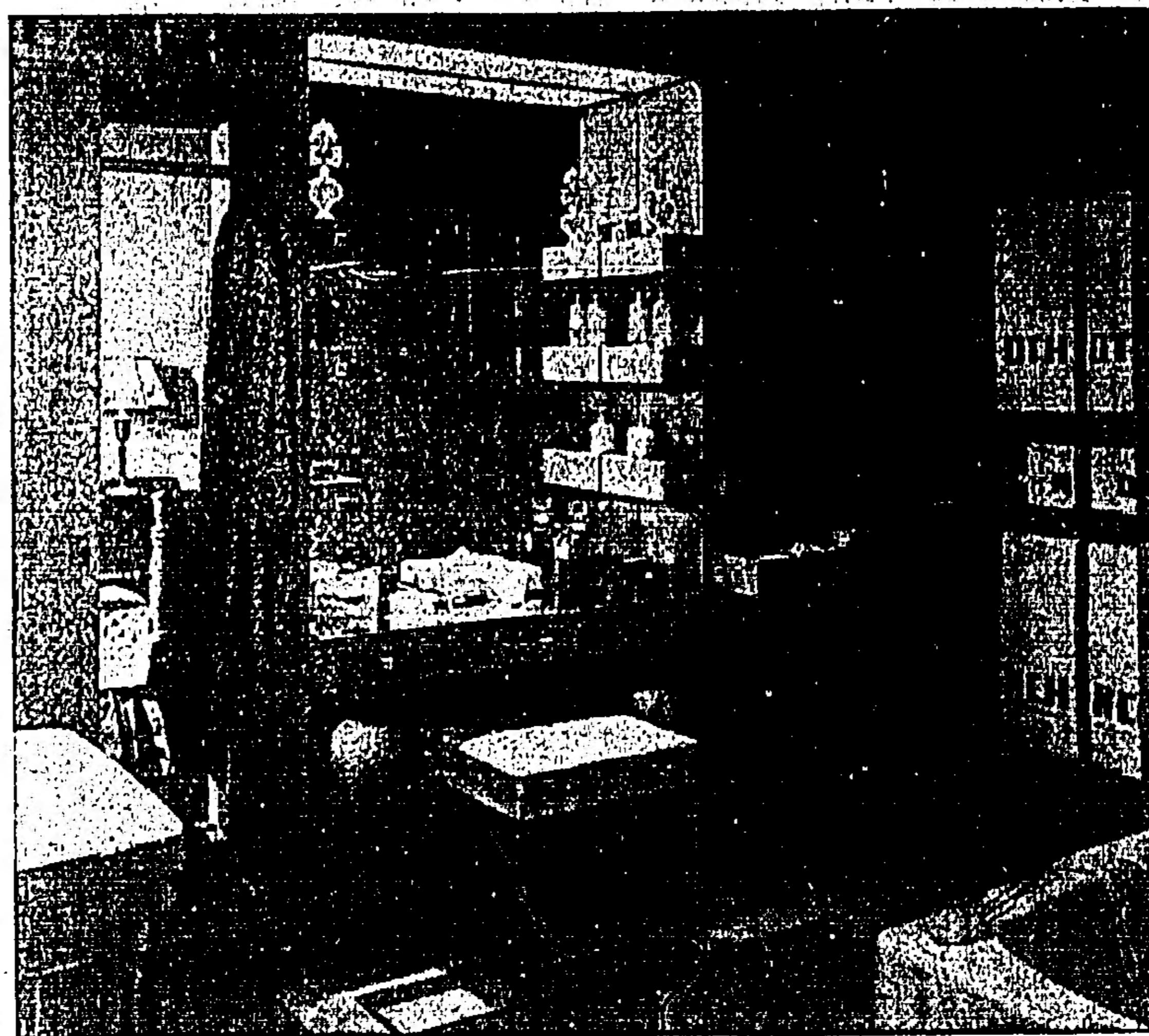
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## WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

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## SPRING PREVIEW:

TARTAN COTTONS  
ARE TOPS

By Joan Erskine

**I** began this series of fashion articles two months ago with a review of the Dorville winter collection. Last week I had the pleasure of seeing their spring collection. It had the same air of restrained elegance. Olive O'Neill, the Dorville designer, works for a wholesale model house. She therefore designs clothes that can be worn with comfort and grace, rather than elaborate showpieces or caricatures of fashion.

Designers for wholesale houses have an extremely difficult task. It is no easy job to design a dress or suit that must be worn by hundreds of women all over the world, and yet still retain all the individual touches that make it a model. Feminine taste varies greatly. Certainly the majority of women follow fashion—but not its every turn and twist. They may like the sloping shoulder line, and yet not want it to slope too much; hip drapery may appeal, but not if it is overdone; the longer skirt may be accepted—but not if it is an exaggerated length.

Taking all these foibles into consideration, wholesale designers study the current French and English trends, consider carefully just how far they can go, and then produce something wearable but distinctive.

## FASHION LEADERS

**T**HE couturier works on an entirely different principle. He does not want to follow fashion. He wants to lead it. For a large sum of money you are able to buy a dress from, say, Molyneux or Hartnell, or some other famous house, in the almost certain knowledge that your dress is unique. And for this privilege you not only part with a small fortune, but must have the ability, and the courage, to wear something very definitely "out-of-the-ordinary." For the general public this is impractical.

People, too, have become more name-conscious. With complete assurance, a Dorville dress, a Harell coat, in a way they certainly would not have done before the war. The introduction of "Utility" and rationing had a great deal to do with this. People began to search for good quality clothes, and found that the best were hardest to find. So they noted the name of the maker when they came upon something worth buying, and refused to accept second-best.

The predominating feature of the Dorville collection was the use of cotton for day and informal evening dresses. And countries with warm climates will open their hearts to a featherweight tweed two-piece

with the appearance of grey flannel. Cool and becoming the high-waisted, slim-skirted dress was topped by a flared back, hip-length jacket. Deep cuffs on the three-quarter sleeves were in bright yellow silk, white spotted, matching a cravat on the dress. For coolness, too, came a suit in light olive-rayon shantung.

For hot days in town the simple elegance of a two-piece in black cotton pique was much admired. It featured the new short bolero, and I hear it is to be repeated in gunmetal and white, to the joy of overseas visitors who saw the collection.

## THEY SAT UP

**B**UT what really made the traditionally bored press representatives sit up and take notice were the tartan cottons. Scotland's tartans, in their new setting, are as pretty as a picture. Day, evening and dinner dresses were shown. Full-skirted and low-necked, some trimmed with Broderie Anglaise, the sombre Black Watch colouring gave the cotton the appearance of taffeta. Almost the only time that blue, black and bottle-green are ever used together is in this particular tartan, and the deep rich colour combination lent the dresses an air of formal dignity.

Worn with the tartans were matching spats, attached to a plain black court shoe and tied round the ankle, giving a fashionable bottillon effect. Spats that match dresses, gloves, or umbrellas, are slowly catching on. But they are as yet very expensive—about £2. 10. a pair.

Now that the frilled petticoat craze is dying, the same idea has been re-introduced to us in a new way. A pink and white finely checked cotton dress had a deep gathered frill attached to the inside of the skirt in a contrasting colour. When sitting or walking one catches a glimpse of what appears to be a frilled petticoat. This has the effect, too, of making the dress hang well.

A flared skirt was given more swing by the addition of an eight-inch pleated hem. Another had a double pleated frill at the bottom. Yet another fell in tiers from the waist, the top tier being gathered to give a peplum effect.

Materials used were twisted cotton, poplin, pique, silk, and the new crepe twed. Skirts were cut generously, but with all fullness in front or back, NOT on hips. Collars were either small and neat, or very deep and folded, no half-measures. Almost all sleeves were cuffed, and all pocket flaps set vertically on hips. Cotton all-over designs were small; white spotted silk had a prominent place.

Dorville day dress in black with matching tie-on spat.



IN AN EARLY AMERICAN HOUSE, the usual white-tiled bathroom is distinctly out of place, so in this case the room was given the right character, with knotty pine walls, hooked rug, quaintly decorated dressing table.

HOW TO HAVE TRIM ANKLES  
AND GENERAL FOOT COMFORT

By HELEN FOLLETT

**T**RIM ankles are what every girl wants. The one who has them is justified in being proud of them and, always, she is a graceful, dainty stepper. Maybe it is the pretty stepping that keeps the ankles slim. Certainly the woman who plods along, who never exercises, can expect that ankles, and calves too, will thicken.

To have neat ankles, keep on your toes. Be fussy about the shoes you wear. Extremely high heels will cause these human hinges to do a side-to-side motion that is not a normal movement and which, in course of time, will cause the muscles to relax, fine contour to disappear. Wear your spikes at the gay evening party, if you must, but come down to earth during the day, wearing low heels or, those of moderate height.

## One Ankle Larger

Sometimes one ankle is larger than another. That comes from the habit of letting the body weight rest on one foot when standing. More havoc is wrought; there may eventually be a slight twist of the spinal column. The girl who walks, stands and moves gracefully is not only keeping up good appearance, but she is practising a health measure.

To slenderise bulky ankles, lift up on the toes slowly, come down slowly on the heels. Walk tippy toe. Run up stairs. Jumping a rope is helpful, will reduce fat calves.

## A Massage

If adipose tissue has collected, a thumping, rousing massage every other day will crush the fat cells. Form a bracelet with fingers and thumbs of both hands, clasp the ankle, move the hands in opposite directions, pressing hard, into the flesh.

Smooth up and down with flattened fingers. Make fists and thump with your knuckles. Fat cells do not like to be disturbed. Keep at them long enough and they will go off and die.

Choose stockings carefully. See-through nylons are flattering to average legs. And remember, dark stockings are a blessing to the woman whose legs have gone in for a policy of expansion.

How far can you foot it? Do you know nothing of clipping off a mile or two at a brisk pace? We know the answer. Most women are not walkers, and that is a pity, because walking is an excellent exercise. It helps keep the musculature in a healthy condition, puts carnation blooms in the cheeks, cheers the mind, chugs up a healthy appetite.

Why don't you walk? Something wrong with your feet? It is likely, or your shoes are not comfortable. Because women pay so little attention to selecting the right kind of shoes, ninety of them among one hundred have trotters that are in some way crippled, deformed or afflicted with corns, calluses or ingrowing nails. We are not guessing about that. The statement has been made repeatedly by experts. Ill fitting, poorly designed shoes are the cause of the majority of these conditions.

Dr Charlotte C. West, in her book, "Ageless Youth," says: "There are no perfect feet today. So lamely have our feet deteriorated that most people accede to the belief that the human foot is monstrously ugly. There are few healthy, normally formed feet among civilised people." What an arraignment!

## Will Give Advice

When purchasing shoes, consider health and comfort first, then style. You can find shoes with soft leather tops and flexible leather soles, beautifully designed, perfectly made, that will give such ease that you don't know you have feet and they will also add chic to your sartorial trappings.

An experienced shoe clerk will be able to give you advice and suggestions. Too many women will listen to nothing along this line. They have worn a certain size, a certain width, and that is what they demand, willy-nilly. Feet change with the years.

A good way to strengthen the arches and the muscles attached to the toes is to practise picking up marbles with your toes. A good before-bedtime exercise.

# HOME-MAKERS' CHRISTMAS

## SELECTING GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, PH.D.

We give children playthings that will amuse them. Naturally, when we choose a toy we think of how much the child will like it right away. We may, therefore, give too much weight to its novelty. Unless we watch ourselves, too, we will be impressed with robot type of toys, just to be wound up. Of course, when the little child can win the toy himself and run it, he may gain value from it.

Let us keep asking ourselves: over how long a time will the child enjoy the plaything? How long will it last? A few sturdy toys are better than a ton of trash. To give a child small toys can do him moral harm by encouraging destruction in play. Besides, broken toys lower play morale. Unless your child under five or six is extremely careful with fragile things do not give him cardboard toys. Also the toy should be safe.

### PLAY WITH OTHERS

To what degree may the toy be enjoyed with other children? While the toy from three to four needs some toys he can enjoy alone, such as a nest of cubes, blocks or simple put-together puzzles, even these can be shared. Oh, yes, the child from six to twelve needs some toys and tools he can enjoy alone, but he also needs an increasing number he can enjoy with his pals.

Will your child gain muscular development and co-ordination from the plaything? See what simple toys for the child from two to five, like a hammer toy set, cubical boxes to be fit into one another or piled into a pyramid, a few sturdy pieces of painted wood to be fit together to make a familiar picture, large centre-holed disks or squares to be put on a peg, or a very large nut to be screwed on a bolt do for finger-hand-arm-eye co-ordination. Also observe the muscular exercise from push and pull toys, such as a tricycle. And for the older child, roller skates, skates, wagon, bicycle, boxing gloves, punching bag, croquet set, badminton set, bat and various balls, and other materials for sports.

### USEFUL ACTION

How much will the toy or tool set up useful action in the child's head? Will it stimulate thinking, reasoning, invention, imagination? Normally, the child from two to six does not just manipulate blocks, toy animals and the like. He puts life into the animals, he creates with them and the blocks and other things. See his imitative and make-believe play with a toy tea set, toy broom and sweater when with his mother or with other children.

Crayons, kindergarten scissors, paste, paint, paper soft wood (and saw and vice) and clay are necessary materials and tools for creation by the pre-school child, even for the much older child; and all sorts of tools suited to the child's age and development, culminating in a well-equipped workshop for the boy or girl twelve or fourteen.

## JEAN AITKEN LOOKS AFTER THE BUFFET

In this article I do not propose to plan a meal for any particular type of party, but to give some recipes which might prove useful, either to the mother who is catering for children or to the hostess who is planning a buffet supper.

"Finger Foods" have become increasingly popular in recent years. These consist of sandwiches and various savoury oddments, which can be served easily and eaten without any necessity for knives and forks. Here are some suggestions for sandwich fillings.

### Sardine and Tomato

Remove bones from the sardines, and pound them well together with a small piece of butter. Add seasoning, a few drops of lemon juice, and enough sliced tomato to flavour, and make the mixture a good spreading consistency.

### Pineapple and Cress

Put some slices of tinned pineapple on a hair sieve, and allow them to drain well for several hours. Cut them into very small pieces, and spread over thin slices of buttered bread. Cover with a layer of creamy salad dressing, and sprinkle thickly with fine cress.

Put another slice of buttered bread on top, trim, and cut as desired.

### Layers are Newer

Three or four different kinds of fillings are required for layer sandwiches, such as poached meat, thinly sliced tomatoes, shredded lettuce, and mayonnaise.

The bread should be sliced very thinly and buttered. On the first slice spread a layer of the meat, and cover with another slice of buttered bread.

## KEEPS THE TREE STANDING



Practical suggestion for the reason is to put baby's playpen around the Christmas tree. Diane "Cookie" Johnson here demonstrates the difficulty of grabbing ornaments or knocking over the tree.

## HOLIDAY PLANTS AND THEIR CARE

By ELEANOR ROSS

THE colourful procession of holiday plants, the lovely poinsettias, cyclamens, and azaleas, are flowing in procession out of florists' shops to lend their beauty to the holiday scene in the home.

The festive Christmas plant, received with such joy, usually doesn't last very long. In many instances, it doesn't even retain its beauty through the holiday season. Flower fad, leaves turn yellow, and out it goes!

So often it is possible to extend the beauty season of these plants, with just a little understanding and intelligent care. The florist who grew the plants to the flowering stage gave them professional care, of course, but although it is not always possible to give the plants ideal conditions in the home, much can be done to approximate professional care.

Dry air is probably the greatest menace to the health of holiday plants. The air of the greenhouses in which the plants were grown, was kept moist by spraying not only the greenhouse walls, but even the plants. In the home a humidifier, or even pans of water on the radiators, will add the needed moisture to the air.

Cold sweets are an essential part of the fare at most parties, so here are two recipes:

### Cherry Creams

Use small paper souffle cases for these, and prepare them by fixing a band of stiff white paper round each case well above the top of the

Half pint cherry puree, 1 gill cream, 1 gill custard, the white of 1 egg, sugar, a little carmine,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. gelatine,  $\frac{1}{2}$  gill water, extra cream, cherries, and angelica for decoration.

Make the custard with the yolk of 1 egg, 1 gill milk, and a little sugar to sweeten. Put it aside to cool. Make the cherry puree by putting tinned cherries and a little of the juice through a nail sieve. Mix the puree and custard together, add the half-whisked cream, sugar if necessary, and a little carmine.

Dissolve the gelatine in the water, add it to the mixture, stir till it begins to thicken a little, then fold in the stiffly whisked white of egg. Pour the mixture into the prepared cases, allowing it to come a little way above the top of each.

When set remove the paper bands, pipe a rosette of whipped cream on top of each, and decorate with a cherry and little leaves of angelica.

### Jellied Pineapple Trifle

Some tinned pineapple, sponge cake, lemon jelly, a little cherry, cream.

Use a tall mould, and put into it alternate layers of sliced sponge cake soaked with some of the pineapple juice and little cherries and chopped pineapples.

Have ready some warm lemon jelly, and fill up the mould with this. Put aside to set. Turn it out when cold, and decorate with whipped cream.

## Ingenious Wrappings Add Charm

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY

WRAPPINGS don't make the gift, but they can make it look expensive and exciting.

This year you can have more fun and use more originality with your gift wrappings than ever before. It is not necessary to rely on the counter with the matched ribbons and papers and cards. You can branch out and pick novelty gadgets to top your gifts.

Instead of struggling to get a ribbon around a tiny perfume bottle, you could tuck the bottle into a small white cardboard sleigh from a notion counter. You might add a tiny Santa and miniature Christmas tree to the sleigh-load.

Gleaming Christmas papers are beautiful, but for a clever change you could try wrapping a gift in an ordinary road map for the man who travels a great deal. Tie it with a bright red ribbon and attach a toy car or a key ring to the bow.

### Something for Sewing

The woman who likes to sew will be thrilled with a parcel wrapped in a length of fabric that can be used for an apron or a child's dress. Tie it with a ribbon which can be used later to trim the fabric.

Small costume jewellery, like the popular scatter pins, can be placed in a tiny box and put into Santa's pack instead of in a regular wrapping. An ordinary little muslin sack with a drawstring top will do. Substitute red ribbon for the drawstring and tie the bag to a miniature Santa.

After the parcel is finished, you can still add thoughtful "extras" which will give a very personal touch. Colourful knitting needles can be tucked in a bow for the knitter; a sachet bag added to a lingerie or handkerchief gift, or a baby rattle on a gift of a baby's blanket.

### Colours Important

It is well to choose simple and effective colour combinations for the gifts that boast only ribbon and paper wrappings. A very wide ribbon can be used effectively on a large carton, or two or three narrow ribbons of different colours. Tie the ribbons around the parcel first and knot the ends securely. Then make the bow separately. The bow is secured to the parcel with the ends of the tying ribbon.

Once you get accustomed to securing the folded ends of the wrapping paper with tiny pieces of transparent gummed tapes, you'll find it's easy and fun to experiment with fancy tying. Try tying a large square parcel around the middle instead of over the top. Or a long narrow parcel separately at either end, with the bows in opposite corners.

For mailing, a flat bow, with no ornament, is best. Just form a loop with the ribbon, holding it firmly between the thumb and forefinger, and with the other hand make a second loop the same length on the opposite side. Make at least three loops on either side, cut the end of the ribbon and fasten the bow at the centre by wrapping a piece of matching ribbon around it. Then attach the bow to the parcel—and your gift is ready to go beneath the Christmas tree.

### TIME-SAVING IRONING

Getting the household ready for the holidays is quite a task, especially since everyday life has to go on as usual, with all the tasks that are part of the regular schedule. So we thought that you might like to learn some good ironing tricks sent on by a reader who is an expert in the housekeeping game.

First of all, she advises that clothes should not be soaked in cold water during the winter, because this causes the fabric mesh to close and hold the dirt. For this reason, too, overnight soaking during the winter defeats its purpose. Use a cool or lukewarm suds and shorten the soaking period. As the blanches, our friend recommends that blanches be used only after clothes have been thoroughly washed clean, and that two complete blanchings follow the blaching. Like many other experienced housekeepers, she adds a smidgin of vinegar to the last rinse water, which makes delicate fabrics easier to cope with when ironing.

### HURRY-UP JOB

If you must wash and iron a blouse in a hurry, here's a good tip. Roll it in a towel to remove excess moisture after rinsing. After removing from towel, place blouse in a paper bag in a barely warm oven, just while the iron heats. You'll be astonished how this will speed up and improve the ironing job.

And, to reverse things, ever hear of the theory of putting dampened clothes into the freezer overnight before ironing? "Expert" says that the things will iron more easily and look prettier as well. The theory is that the hot iron on the very cold fabric creates condensation, which gives sufficient steam without the need for a great deal of moisture in the fabric. If you decide to try this trick, plan to iron before the marketing, so that you'll have the requisite room in the refrigerator.

It's a breeze to wash those lovely scarfs that are so popular just now, and which, come blustery weather, double as hats, when they are not being used as a garter or a decorative apron on a dress. If you want the beautiful prints and colours to look like now, use speed. Cut the washing time to a minimum, keep the water lukewarm, roll in a towel for fast drying. If a "no-iron" scarf, like hankies, need not be ironed if spread flat to dry against a mirror, the wall or bathtub. But be sure that the surface is absolutely clean.

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FESTIVE decorations added colourful atmosphere to the Kowloon Cricket Club last Saturday when another successful dance was organised by the Ladies' Section of the Club. Above left: a scene during the evening. Two of the many parties are shown here. Above: Mr A. V. White, Mr and Mrs T. O. Edwards and friends. Left: Mr and Mrs S. C. Trueman and friends. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



LEFT: Major Peter Clague, of the Army Legal Services, and Miss Heather Chalmers photographed after their wedding at St John's Cathedral on Tuesday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



A HAPPY group picture taken at St Andrew's Church on Sunday when an end-of-year party was given for children of the Sunday School. (Golden Studio)



HIS Eminence Thomas Cardinal Tion paid a visit to Wah Yan College last week and spoke to the students. Photo at left above shows the Cardinal being greeted on arrival. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



SCENE at Stonecutters on Saturday morning during the shoot in the National Rifle Association Overseas Rifle and Revolver Postal matches. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THE Royal Marines Association hold a Christmas ball at the Union Jack Club last Saturday. Among those who attended were (from left) Capt. D. H. Jones, Commodore C. L. Robertson and Rear Admiral A. C. G. Madden. (Ming Yuen)



CATHAY Pacific Airways were hosts at a cocktail party at the Hongkong Hotel last Saturday. Among those who attended were, in the top picture, Mr J. Bashforth, of the Civil Aviation Department, and friends, and, in lower photo, Mr and Mrs Dick Labrum and friends. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

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ARMEN of the RAF Station at Kai Tak started their festivities last Saturday by holding their annual Christmas dance, which proved a jolly and successful event. The camera here catches a happy group during the evening. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



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# Case of the M.P. who stole a German's fortune

...which proved to be the turning point in the career of

Sir *Patrick Hastings* K.C.

Of all the sensational cases in which Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., appeared in the courts, none aroused more intense feeling than that of Mr. Gruban, a German, who sued Mr. Handel Booth, a member of Parliament, at the height of the anti-German feeling during the 1914-18 war.

THE case of Gruban v. Booth was the turning point in my professional career.

Mr. Gruban was a German. He had served in the German Army, and although he had lived in England for many years, his home of origin was apparent in his speech.

He had built up a very considerable engineering business. Prosperity seemed to be smiling upon him until the First World War. Then everything was changed.

His birth, his speech, even his activities all made him suspect. He found himself in momentary terror of the loss of all his property, even of his liberty, and he sought in desperation for some influential friend upon whose help he might be able to rely.

Unfortunately he turned to a certain Mr. Handel Booth.

## Handel Booth's ultimatum

Handel Booth was a member of Parliament. He appeared most anxious to be helpful; he propounded many schemes. Finally he propounded what was practically an ultimatum.

Mr. Gruban, he said, was in the direst peril, and there was only one means by which that danger could be averted. He, Handel Booth, must take his place.

If Gruban would consent to hand over all his interest in his business to Handel Booth, who would of course hold it merely as a nominee, the authorities would be satisfied, and Gruban would be safe; if not, his property would be forfeit and he himself would be incarcerated.

In desperation and in complete reliance upon his friend, Gruban consented. Handel Booth became possessed of everything. Within a week Gruban was arrested and imprisoned.

At that time an intercessor was entitled to appeal to a statutory tribunal against the order for his detention. That tribunal was controlled by two of our greatest lawyers, Lord Sankey and Lord Baines-burgh.

They inquired deeply into the whole transaction. Unfortunately all the evidence before them was of necessity given under the pledge of secrecy; even Gruban received no indication as to the facts and documents which the tribunal heard or saw, but they must have been conclusive.

The committee recommended his immediate release, and they went even further. They indicated that Mr. Gruban would be well advised to place the whole facts before an independent solicitor who might advise him as to his future actions.

## Fighters for justice

Gruban was practically destitute, but fortunately for him there are some solicitors who place justice far beyond mere cash receipts.

Mr. Synott was one of those. It was to him that Gruban owed his subsequent vindication. I shall always be proud to think that Mr. Synott came to me, and between us we worked for many months upon the action that was started.

From the outset we were satisfied that Gruban's interment was at least to some extent the work of Handel Booth; the few days which elapsed between the complete transfer of Gruban's property and his interment were too significant to be a mere coincidence.

Handel Booth must have said or written something which assisted to that strange result. But how to prove it?

The tribunal was pledged to secrecy; the authorities had no assistance. Handel Booth had sworn upon his oath that he had written nothing.

Our one hope lay in extracting the truth, either by cross-examination or else by some miracle which might happen at the trial, and upon that miracle we rolled.

Atmosphere was against us.

The trial opened under singularly inauspicious circumstances. It was almost at the precise moment of the sinking of the Lusitania.

The feeling against Germany had risen to unprecedented height. Poor little Gruban must have felt more than unhappy as he entered court.

I opened the case by a mere recitation of the facts. I told the jury that our case depended in the main upon one incident.

Had Handel Booth betrayed his trust? Had he obtained the financial advantage that he sought by pretending to guarantee Gruban's safety and then written to the authorities disparaging Gruban in order that he should keep the fortune for himself?

But I could not prove it. I told them that the claim of privilege and

secrecy might still defeat us, but we

The Prime Minister would know if such a letter had been written; so would the Home Secretary. We had subpoenaed both of them.

They or their representative must attend the court and state before the jury whether such a letter existed and if so did they object on any ground to its production.

I called upon them both to answer their subpoena, and flatly declined to say another word until they attended.

## Defence begins to crack

The effect was electrical. The Attorney-General, who represents the Government, was not in court, he had not expected his attendance would be required so soon; people began to shuffle; the jury began to whisper.



Handel Booth

The judge suggested that I should continue while we waited. I refused. Then the defence commenced to crack. Rigby Swift, that most powerful advocate, was in whispered consultation with his juniors.

He felt the atmosphere swinging against him, and he decided upon the valiant course. He rose in his place and said that he had a copy of letter which might be what I wanted.

He handed me the copy. Our belief was justified. If it was not all that I had wanted, it was enough.

Mr. Handel Booth had indeed proved himself an unfaithful friend.

From that moment the case was over. Mr. Gruban obtained the verdict that Mr. Booth had been defrauded, with damages to the extent of £5,000.

## The duel with

Edward Duke

To consider one case as the turning point in a whole career is perhaps an exaggeration. Fortunately I had another which followed almost immediately, although of a very different kind.

A jeweller alleged that he had lost a vast quantity of jewellery while travelling in Brussels. He was insured at Lloyd's, and made a claim against the underwriters, which they resisted upon the ground of fraud.

I was passionately anxious to fight the case, and the underwriters were persuaded to agree.

The case depended almost entirely upon a cross-examination of the plaintiff, and he came into court represented by all the weight of the Bar, with Edward Duke as his leading silk.

It was the first time I had ever been opposed to Duke, and his sledge-hammer attack upon the underwriters for daring to oppose the plaintiff's claim must have depressed them almost as much as it did me.

But fortunately he put his case too high. Once he had attacked the underwriters it gave me my opportunity.

I cross-examined the plaintiff for the best part of a day. As Mr. Duke had attacked my clients I was more than justified in attacking his.

At any rate, it was successful. The jury returned a verdict for the underwriters, and the plaintiff lost his case.

But I could not prove it. I told them that the claim of privilege and

advocate, if only by reason of the fact that Wootton in effect alleged that Slevier's acquittal on the criminal charge was totally unjustified.

My delight at being retained by Wootton was, however, marred by the fact that I had still another master; it was again to be Edward Carson.

## Then the gods smiled on me

The trial took place before Lord Reading and a special jury, and Slevier was no doubt delighted to learn that his judge should be the very man who had defended him upon the earlier indictment.

Wootton and his witnesses were first examined and when the court rose on the second day all that remained was the cross-examination of Robert Slevier. And then the gods smiled upon me. Carson told me that he had been summoned urgently to Ulster, and in consequence Slevier would be left to me.

To say I was overjoyed would be an under-statement, but my delight was not unmixed with some degree of natural anxiety. Slevier was, in rare parlance, a strong favourite. Even the precincts of the courts echoed with shouts of "Good old Bob!"

But "Good old Bob" had lived a somewhat hectic life, and every detail of that life I knew.

The cross-examination was one of the longest I had ever undertaken; but then Mr. Slevier's life was long and varied.

## He had so much to explain

At the beginning my ears still rang with the cries for "Dear old Bob," but as the hours went by the enthusiasm seemed to disappear.

He had so much to explain that had passed quite easily upon a racecourse, but did not sound so well in the calmer atmosphere of court.

He began to flounder; he sought to find excuses that did not quite ring true, and then at last we came to the episode of the Winning Post and his one-time friend, Jack Joel.

In vain he appealed to the sympathetic hearing of the judge; still more in vain he reiterated that fact of his acquittal.

Sterling he was—reminded—that this court would be guided solely by the evidence which was brought before it to the exclusion of all outside considerations.

When Slevier left the box the case was gone; so were his sycophantic followers. Those that remained stayed only so that they might cheer his enemy. Slevier was finished.

## I become the Attorney-General

The time was rapidly approaching when I should have to consider an application to be made a silk. In 1919 I applied for and was granted silk.

Once again I stood in the Middle Temple Hall, just as I had stood almost exactly 15 years before. Rows of students lined the walls, even their faces looked the same. But this time it was different.

It was not the Treasurer of the Inn who stood waiting for us welcoming with a kindly smile newcomers to the Bar, but the Lord Chancellor of England handing to each one of us the Royal Patent which signified that we were one of his Majesty's Counsel.

It was another milestone.

## Racing men in libel action

From my very beginning as a silk I was extremely fortunate. Two well-known racing men decided to sue each other for libel.

Mr. Wootton was a trainer, a part of whose success was no doubt due to his two sons, Frank and Stanley, both of whom were Jockeys of outstanding merit. His opponent was Robert Slevier.

The name of Slevier was a household word upon the English Turf, not only as the owner of world-famous horses, but also as a great gambler.

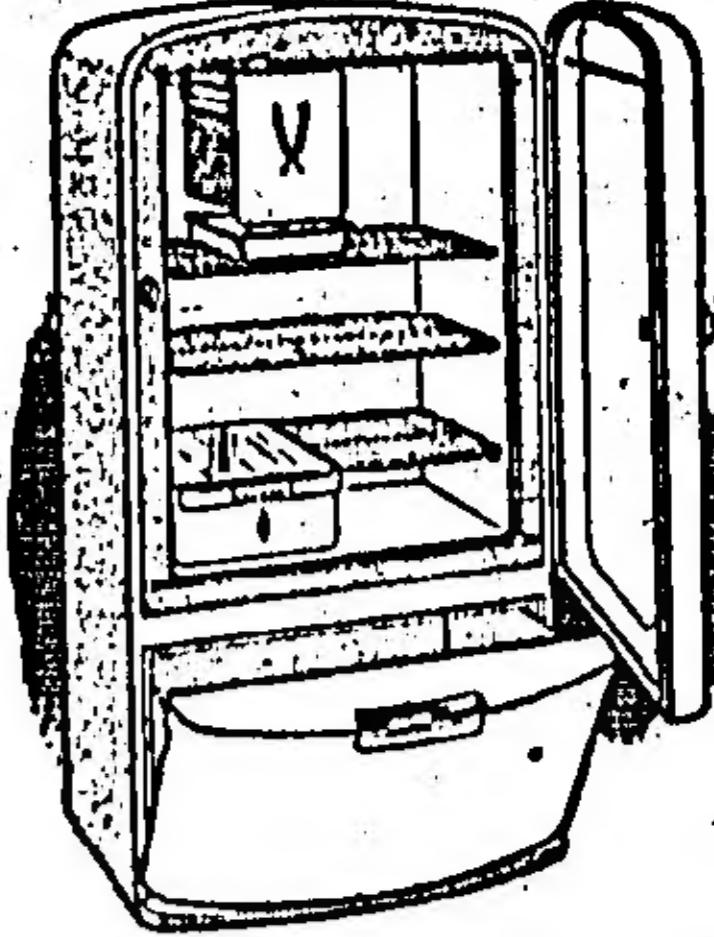
But he had experienced a still greater claim to notoriety. Some years before, he had been tried at the Central Criminal Court upon a charge of attempting to blackmail Mr. Jack Joel through the publication of the Winning Post, a periodical of which he was the proprietor.

At the trial he had been represented by Edward Carson and defended by Rufus Isaacs (later Lord Reith), and largely through his counsel's skill he was triumphantly acquitted.

Each of these sporting gentlemen elected to defend the other, and it was obvious from the outset that the subsequent trial would prove very deeply into the lives of both.

A cross-examination of Robert Slevier would inevitably prove a high spot in the life of any

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## HOLIDAY SOCCER

## CHRISTMAS BRINGS THE INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

A Merry Christmas to all who keep the local soccer world moving, and to all followers of soccer in Hongkong!

Christmas brings the annual matches in the International Charity Cup Competition. This year teams representing four nationalities take part—China, England, Portugal and Scotland.

For players who have been taking part in Christmas conviviality, these Christmas holiday games of ninety minutes duration with the possibility of extra time thrown in are severe tests indeed.

For tomorrow's match at Caroline Hill, the Chinese have chosen an exceedingly formidable side to do duty against the Scots. It is almost the strongest eleven possible, although there must be serious doubt whether Ho Ying-fun will be fit. Ho fell very heavily in last Sunday's match at Caroline Hill.

Scotland's eleven is probably stronger in defence than in attack. Despite the fact that Craighead plays his best game as pivot, the line-up of Leek, Henderson, Craighead; etc., commands respect.

The Scottish attack is largely experimental. Soutar, the RAF captain, as outside-left, is a selection which will interest a lot of people.

In recent matches he has given the impression of being right on top of form. Most of his recent football, however, has been either as half-back or full-back. He certainly has a good left foot.

## SUNDAY'S GAME

For the England v. Portugal game on Sunday all seems set for one of those happy occasions when one associates with Christmas.

## IN THE RING

By ARCHIE QUICK

## Olympic Boxer Sets Up A Record

At least one new record has been set up in the parlous confusion which is British boxing. Never before has a man represented Great Britain in the Olympic Games and within the same year won £500 in prize money.

But that is what Jack Gardner, 21-year-old chicken farmer of Market Harborough, has accomplished. Four short months ago he was Sergt. Gardner, of the First Battalion, The Grenadier Guards, on a little more than 10 shillings per day, Army, Imperial Services and National Amateur Champion.

Now he has bright hopes of one day succeeding to the crown now held by Bruce Woodcock. Weighing over 14 stones, beautifully proportioned, 6 feet 2 inches tall, young, good-looking, and intelligent, he towered above all other entrants in Jack Solomons' £1,000 Heavyweight Novices' Competition and took first prize by means of four first-round knockouts, all clean as a whistle.

He was small fry on this bill. One day he will be toppling it. He is in the good hands of John Simpson, manager of Vince Hawkins, although there is now some dispute about the legality of the arrangement at the moment.

It is argued that he came to professional terms with Simpson before the Olympic Games.

The only doubt about his future comes from recalling the semi-finals of the Olympics and how Gardner crumpled up when he received his first hard punch from an Uruguayan. It was a bitter disappointment to us all. Let us say it was lack of experience.

## Army Hockey Boom

While Army Soccer is experiencing a boom season with a record entry for the Challenge Cup and Boys' Cup, the Army Hockey Cup has likewise attracted a record entry of 137 units, compared with last season's record of 125, so Hon Sec. Lieut-Colonel G. S. Grimston, himself.

The Army team itself, has the services of three of England's Olympic team, Major Lindsay, Capt. Reynolds and Warrant Officer Green, while four others of last year's successful team are still available.

It has 14 fixtures to play, including the Inter-Services Tournament. Unfortunately, medical advice has forbidden Col. Grimston, former Sussex County cricketer, to play any more hockey.

He is anxious to try out the Indian type of stick and although he prefers the English type, he is determined to give the Indian a thorough trial in the Army. Many units have come home with this equipment and like it.

## ARTHUR PEALL says:

I HAVE heard the "double-double" described as more of a "nuke" than anything else. That is wrong. A nuke is something that did not play well. It is a nuke that cannot be said to be a double. In double, it is a nuke that has to be played with judgment to steer it. It is a nuke that is brown into midair.

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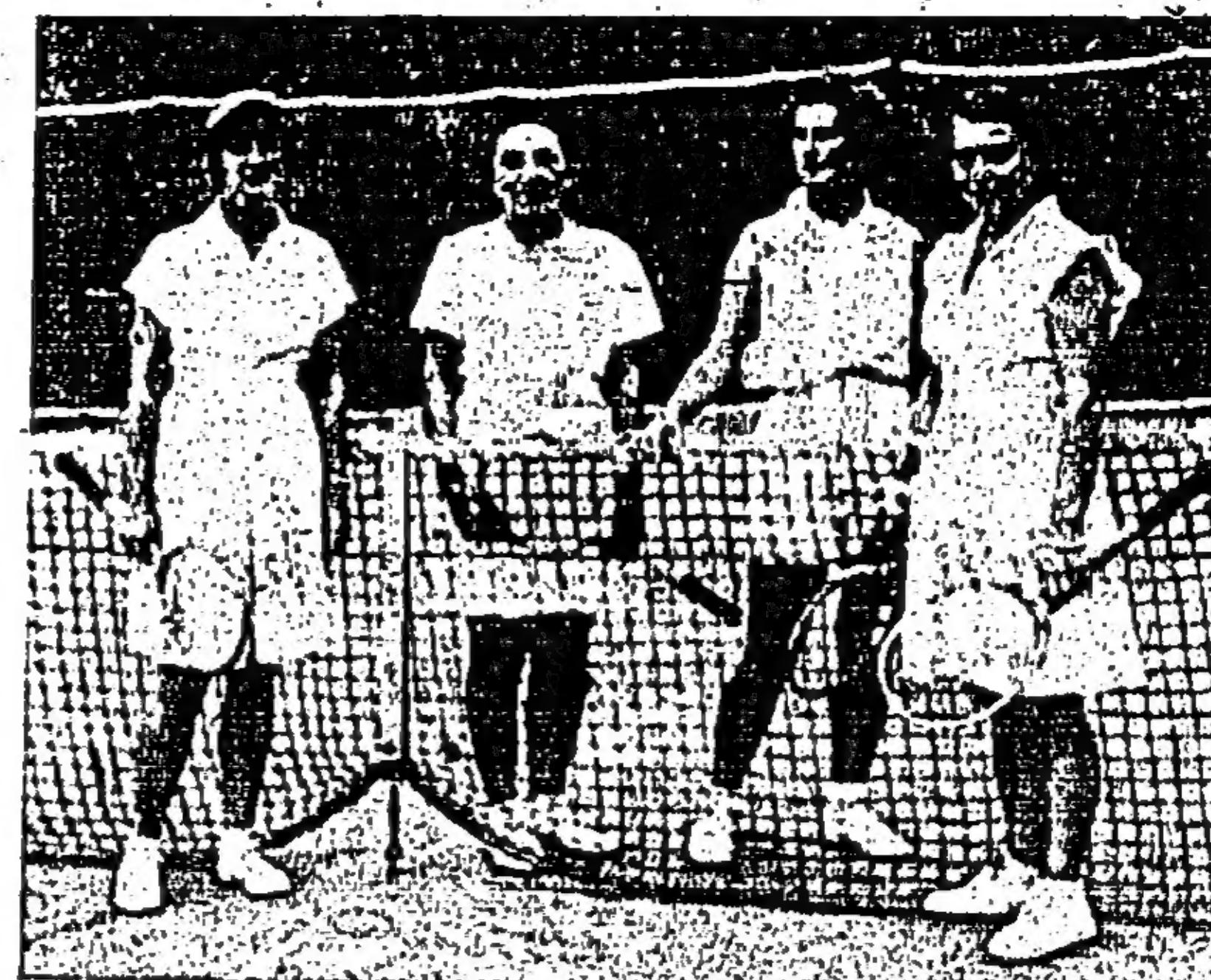
socket. One ball must be played to line up at the right strength to line up on black. When it does succeed there is no semblance of a nuke in the game.

The cushion-ball cannon shown on right of diagram is easy if played to meet to score the same result as the nuke in the game. The red and brown indicated demands a skillful shot.

As usual, the Blue Chief is Alice Mar, who has the very able assistance of

By "SEE TEE"

## THE "BIG FOUR"



Pictured together above are the "Big Four" of ladies' tennis in Hongkong, now that the Colony Open Singles Champion, Miss Dawn Kent, has left for Australia. With Miss Kent they hold the Colony Open and Ladies' Recreation Club trophies.

They are, from left to right:

Mrs A. Shewan, winner with Miss Kent of the Colony Open Doubles title; and runner-up in the LRC Doubles with Mrs Stroobach;

Mrs E. Litton, runner-up in the Colony Open Doubles and LRC Slugs and Doubles;

Mrs S. Standaloff, runner-up for the Colony Open Doubles title with Mrs Litton and winner, with the same partner, of the LRC Doubles title;

Mrs Stroobach, runner-up for both the Colony Open Singles and the LRC Singles Championship and runner-up for the LRC Doubles title with Mrs Shewan.

The picture was taken at the Ladies' Recreation Club last Saturday after the final of the Club Doubles Championship. Photo by Golden Studio.

## Holiday Sport

## CHRISTMAS DAY

Cricket—Indian Recreation Club's Over 35 v. Under 35. Match starts at 11 a.m.

Football—International Charity Cup Competition: China v. Scotland, at Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m.

## BOXING DAY

Football—International Charity Cup Competition: England v. Portugal, at Happy Valley, 3.30 p.m.

By "SPECTATOR"

## The Stage Is All Set For The Holiday Loop

There is an abundance of attractive holiday softball fare. Harold Winglee's Great Britain meet Fred Diesta's Philippines tomorrow to start off this year's International Series. After this game, which is down for 2 p.m., China, under Dick Chung, take on India, the defending champions, all of whose former stars now play under the Pakistan banner.

Both tilts are expected to be "walk-overs." Britain and China should emerge easy victors.

The feminine International begins on Monday. China is to meet Great Britain and Portugal clash with the Philippines, the first game starting at 2 p.m.

A close struggle is anticipated between the British and Chinese girls, while the Portuguese should have an easy passage into the next round of this knock-out system competition.

The strength of Great Britain—this nation won the first post-war championship—lies in the all-founder Leonard brothers, Dave and Stan. And Jack Brown, who hits pretty well too, is their standard pitcher. Then there is the youthful coming player, S'd Hollands. They combine, with the braintrust Winglee at the helm, in co-operation with Madcap Manager Buster Hollands, to head a formidable battle.

The Filipinos, without much material in trim, look conspicuously weaker by comparison. However, these sport-loving Philippines boys will give a good account of themselves before going down.

With the "change of heart" of their former starry representatives in favour of Pakistan, title-holding India is not expected to be able to turn out a formidable team.

On the other hand, reliable defensive but not too aggressive in attack China is optimistic in championship hopes—and not without reason.

They should survive the first round without extended effort. But thereafter, I think they just can't make it against the strong opposition there is in this competition.

It is hoped that the General Committee will issue a statement to the effect that the draw was not "fixed," and that it was actually held the way it should be decided.

**Newsy Bits**

Starry basballer Gus Oliver landed himself in a predicament. He has been suspended by the Management from play for two weeks—all because he wanted to help the Americans out when they were short against the Indians who were bent on him. Gus is registered for the Canadians.

The suspension resulted from a protest from the vanquished, who succeeded in turning defeat to victory off their field. They were understood to have argued to Oliver's playing in the first place.

This is but one incident of off-the-field manoeuvring which does not help the game.

Anyway, there is loose control and questionable management somewhere. And Gus Oliver, who deserves it, has been made the scapegoat. There should be a shake-up.

Recreo has definitely withdrawn from Senior League competition. How the games played, lost and won against them, is to count in the standing is yet to be decided.

The question is, will Herbie Quon be able to do it? It'll be eye-opening if he could. Manager Dick Chung also can rely on seasoned warriors like Young Kar-sing, Bill Woo, Luck Bum and Choi Ping-fun. The rest of the side is young blood with promise.

Charles Figueiredo gets the enviable honour of running both the men's and women's teams for Portugal. The girls are a well-chosen bunch and, as already known, are powerful in all departments.

A welcome return to the game is seen in the selection of vivacious Celeste Gutierrez and sparkplug Cynthia Motta, who until now, have given the game the air. They lend more power to the already powerful Portuguese squad.

China is considered the dark-horse contingent and an upset in their loop of the Series is not out of the question. I consider they stand a good sporting chance.

As usual, the Blue Chief is Alice Mar, who has the very able assistance of

Patsy Ribeiro, Wahoo. What again! Three hits in four trips were smashed by the power-packed, bullet-pulling Patsy, the peppery catcher. A lion's share belongs to her in Harold Winglee's team's triumph, which, I am sure, mended his heart, "broken" after defeat by the Canadians a couple of weeks ago. It was a jubilant Harold that day.

Terry Capila, Wahoo—Her timely three-bagger scored the third run to put the game on ice. This fleet outfielder—they call her "Choo Choo with the radio voice"—fielded flawlessly, which adds up to a starry role.

Alice Mar, Canadians—Versatile Alice Mar demands mention once again. She hit twice safely. She struck out 10—the Pirates were the victims. She let only three hits. Another top performance in another Canuck victory.

Allene Chinen, Canadians—Lively up-and-coming Allene's star sparkled as she fielded well, then slashed it out to grab honour by two useful bungles. More good performances are expected from this rising player.

Dorothy Park, Pirates—One-girl resistance was offered by peppery Dorothy as she again defied opposition by hitting back. She had two hits of the three her team managed.

Peter Lo, Chung Wah—Three hits in three attempts was the excellent return made by Peter. It was peerless, though it could not save his side from defeat by the mighty Saints.

Alvaro Xavier, VRC—Speedy Alvaro again shone. The steady infielder swiped a couple of stinging hits in front of all in the VRC victory over the hard-hitting Americans, who played most creditably before losing 5-3.

Rennie Sequeira and Spikes Gutierrez, Madcaps—Madcaps won convincingly against the erstwhile sole leading Canadians, whose championship stock came tumbling down as a result. The powerful Canadians played hitting ball.

Rennie's and Spikes' all-round displays earn them mention. Rennie scored 1,600 in elusive clutch hitting which pushed in runs.

The visitors played hands-up ball, executing two double plays, in which Spikes figured in one. He hit well, too. Buster Hollands' Madcaps look as if they are going to town.

They have now proved that they are a force that takes some beating and gives plenty of it. They are well in on the race. A sporting, popular gang, their supporters are many. Good luck, you Madcaps!

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## THE SOCCER PARSON

## Awards A Free Kick Against Himself

By J. W. TAYLOR

The Reverend Robert Jack, Scottish soccer parson, referees Icelandic matches in which he plays centre-forward and often whistles for a free kick against himself! Amateur footballer at the time, he took the game to Iceland upon being appointed as football coach there.

He liked Iceland and her people so much that he decided to stay there. So he became an Icelandic national and studied for the Lutheran Church of Iceland. He was the only foreigner to be ordained on the island for 670 years.

They sent him to Grimsey, a tiny island 45 miles from the mainland, where the Arctic and the Atlantic meet. A 75-ton mailboat links it with the outside world during the summer months. In the winter, Grimsey is completely cut off, except for radio telephone communication.

There he introduced football. He still plays centre-forward for the island team, which crosses to adjacent islands in the summer for fortnightly games. There are 24 boys on Grimsey between 16 and 25. None of them can referee a game, so Mr. Jack referees as well as plays. The kids are delighted when he sometimes awards a free kick for his own infringement.

Mr. Jack has just arrived back in his native Scotland for a brief spell. He is also a farmer on Grimsey and wants to buy some farm implements, as well as plead for a helicopter service to the island he has "adopted." He wants the machine to be available for taking sick parishioners over to the mainland in emergencies.



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## DAB and FLOUNDER

By WALTER



## FROM HERE AND THERE:

## Three Eggs For The Queens' Crews

**NEW YORK:** There is a restaurant in New York where they always serve three eggs with bacon and eggs. That is because the patrons of this restaurant are the British seamen of the Queen's. But that is not the only service the seamen get from Mr. Aldo Zellini and his restaurant. He changes their pounds for them. The most you can usually get for a pound note from a New York bank is 12s. worth of dollars. But Mr. Zellini always pays 15s. Said he: "I opened my place just across from the Queen's dock with one thought in mind. I said no seaman will ever be typped. And if any of my fellows try funny stuff, I just toss them out."

## MODESTY

**NEW YORK:** In Atlanta, Georgia, police have given orders that shops must draw the blinds when they are changing the clothes on their window dummies.

## APE-BOY DISCOVERY

**JOHANNESBURG:** Half a million years ago someone hit a 12-year-old ape-boy in the face, knocked out his front teeth and killed and ate him. This is the deduction of Professor Raymond Dart, noted anthropologist of Witwatersrand University, following the finding of a skull in the Makapansgat Valley near Potgietersrust, which he declared is older than the Pekin Man or Java Ape-Man.

## BOOMERANG DEATH

**DARWIN:** An aborigine warrior named Wah Ring Juarr went on a visit to a neighbouring tribe for a big corroboree. When he returned, he found that someone had tampered with the sacred tribal relics which no-one but a warrior was allowed to touch. He "scented out" the culprit and threw his boomerang. It came whistling back, hit his young lubra wife on the temple and killed her instantly.

## ROCKY SERENADE

**ROME:** Teresina Amato, a 10-year-old beauty of a village near Sulerno, annoyed by the serenade of a shepherd, Nicola Rocco, 22, tossed a rock from the window, killing him.

## SOME PIC(K)NIC

**MELBOURNE:** The world's largest sapphire, a blue corundum as big as a turkey's egg, was picked up by Mrs. Roy McKinley, a miner's wife, at a Sunday picnic at Ruby Vale, Queensland. Her sapphire, which was sold for an unstated sum, weighs 1,058 carats. It is bigger than the previous record sapphire, the "Black Star," found last May in the same district.

## LAST RITES

**JOHANNESBURG:** Nobody has ever found a dead elephant in Africa and Major J. F. Cumming, a Sudan District Commissioner, claims to have solved the mystery. He shot an elephant near the source of the Nile, and when he returned the next day the body had vanished. He found it buried in a shallow grave which had obviously been dug by the tucks of other elephants.

GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON, reviewing the NEW BOOKS, picks an outstanding novel by a young Londoner . . .

**THE EDGE OF DARKNESS.** By John Prebble. Secker and Warburg. 245 pages. 10s. 6d.

**T**HIS outstanding novel of the war is by a Londoner, aged 32. Prebble is the son of a chief petty officer, RN. He was brought up in Canada, and is now a London journalist. His book is remarkable for:

1. Its writing. Powerful, new-cut, insistent: "The adders' tongues of gun flashes flickered wickedly. The war was sincere at night."

2. Its characters. A handful of men picked out of Monty's armies. Soldiers who will, in due course, become old soldiers and tell, not altogether falsely, how much they enjoyed it all.

Their discipline is poor. They loot. They speak boastfully about their inefficiency. They are unheroic, brave, nervous. Each is an individual, with his passport to our credence duly vised.

Only Smith, the fat, frightened unpopular officer, is aware of what the war is doing to them, of the uncomfortable probing and self-discovery going on within each mind.

3. The brooding theme which runs through this study of muted male society: a sense of the ruin of overwhelming British, Germans, all Europe, reaching its climax in dreadful Hamburg.

There, the physical impact of war, its fear and tension, passes to be replaced by a nagging bewilderment.

This sharp-eyed novel introduces talent which commands attention.

**APE AND ESSENCE.** By Aldous Huxley. Harper. 2 dol. 50 cents. 205 pages.

**T**HIS atom war is over. Bacteriological war is over, too. They lasted just three days and laid waste most of the earth. From Equatorial Africa the tribes filter northward into empty Europe.

In New Zealand, so remote that it has escaped the atom-bombs, a pocket of Anglo-Saxon civilisation survives. From it, scientists set out by sailing ship to explore the fabulous desolation of California. Among them is Dr. Alfred Poole, bohemian, frustrated victim of a domineering mother and prospective matrimonial prey of Ethel Hook, a regrettably wholesome scientist of 33.

Ape and Essence is not saved from some absurdity by its piercing sincerity and the incisive brilliancy of the style. Its science is dubious. Bellal worship does not convince or horrify.

What is bad film this would make.

What is Hollywood thinking of?

**THE PRIVATE LETTERS TO PRINCE METTERNICH.** Edited by Peter Quennell. John Murray. 321 pages. 9s. 6d.

**P**RINCESS DOROTHEA LIEVEN was a meddling German with a long nose; the unfaithful wife of the Russian Ambassador in London in the 1820s; the faithful spy of her lover, Austrian Chancellor Metternich. He decides to flee.

The book takes the form of a film script supposedly written by one William Tallis.

In his script Tallis tells how Dr. Poole, escaping from Miss Hook, is kidnapped by the California aborigines, watched survivors of the once great civilisation of Los Angeles. Their first impulse, to bury him alive, is halted by the hope that he may be able to breed food-producing plants.

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## SPORTS

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## MENTAL GYMNASIUM

## RIDDLES

- What most resembles half of a cake?
- Why is the letter 'T' of a mixed nature?
- What beverage may stand for the beginning of time?
- What is the difference between the earth and the sea?
- Why is the Irish national emblem like a fake boulder?

## MIX-UPS

Rearrange the letters in each of the lines following to form the name of an insect:

CUSS LOT  
ROC O PINS  
O QUIT'S SOME'

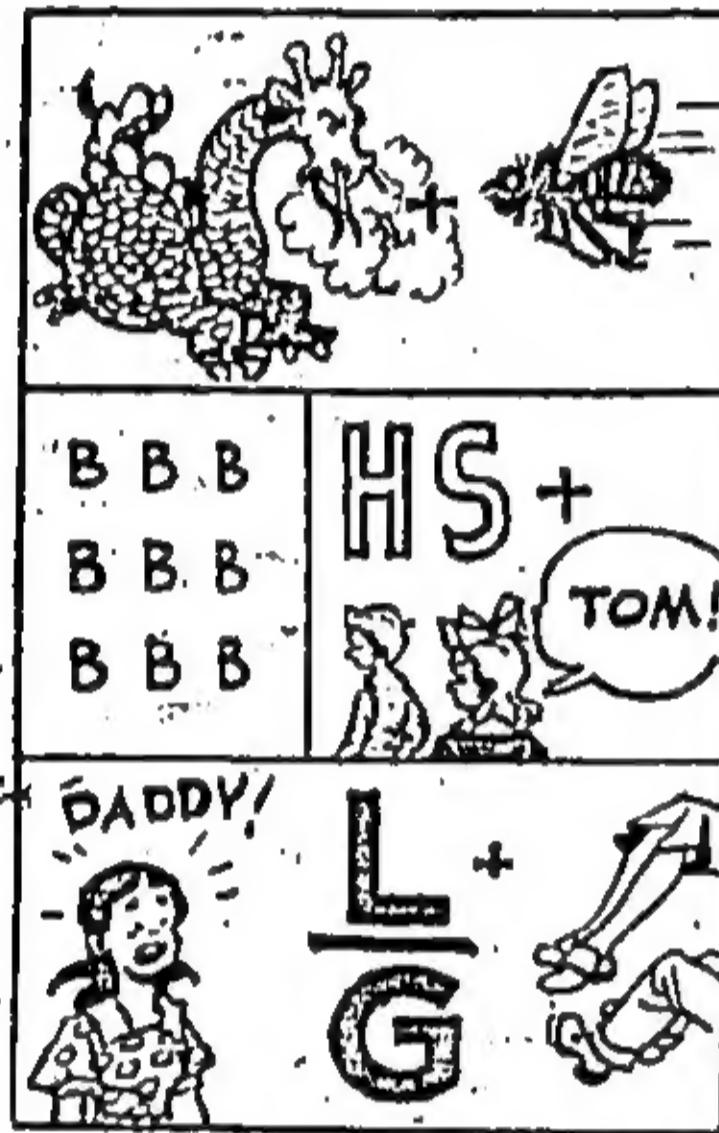
## DIAMOND

HORNETS form the centre of today's diamond. The second word is "a drunkard," the third "painful spots," the fifth "very small," and the sixth is "in pig pen."

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## INSECT REBUS

Use the words and pictures to uncover four types of insects:



## ANSWERS

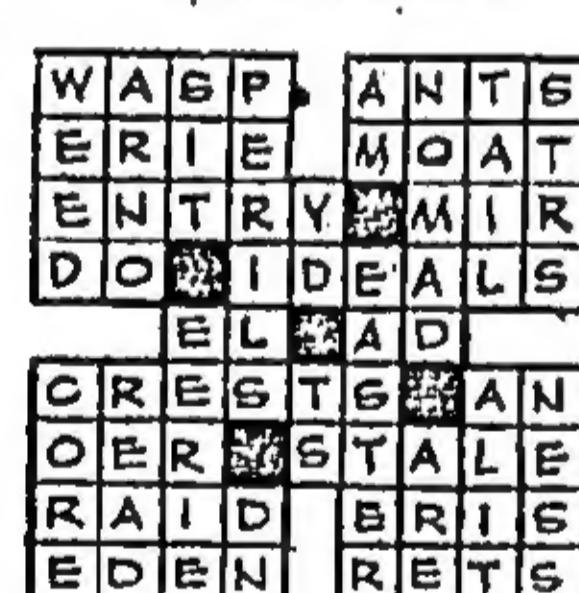
## RIDDLES

1-The other half. 2-It is in both earth and water. 3-Tea. 4-One is dirty, the other is tidy. 5-Because it is a shamrock.

## DIAMOND:

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## CROSSWORD:



MIX-UPS: Locusts; Scorpion; Mosquitoes.

INSECT REBUS: Dragonfly; Bees; Moths; Daddy-Long-Legs.

Rupert and Margot—25



In spite of the lizard's words, Margot does worry very much. "Margot's being carried miles away from her home," he cries. "Goodness knows what will happen to her. I must get her back." Going back through the wood he finds Reggie strolling homeward and pour out the whole terrible story. The twins stare at him almost speechless. "So, that's why Horace said the wood was dangerous up there," gasps Reggie. "It's the giant's country! I thought he only meant those queer earthquakes."

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## The BOYS and GIRLS PAGE

## CRAFTS

## GAMES

## JOKES

## Linda And The Leprechaun

By LEE PRIESTLEY

LINDA put her chin in her fists and propped her elbows in the tall grass under the apple tree. She looked critically at her sketch and nodded. It was good. The dress would be wonderful. But what about slippers?

Coming in from school she had known that the fat envelope on the hall table contained her sketches for the dress design contest. So she hadn't won the scholarship to a fashion school. Feeling low, she had carried the other letter to the lunch table without interest. But when she opened it at last, her eyes grew wide and her pretty mouth fell open.

"Tell us, child," her mother begged.

Linda found her tongue. "It's from—she peered at the signature, "Mr Paul Selman Sergeant, one of the judges in the design contest. He thinks my sketches deserved the first prize! He wants to talk to me; he says he can use a promising apprentice in his studio. He says he's going to be at the Green Tree Inn over at Hardwick tomorrow night."

"What kind of studio?" Linda's father asked.

"He manufactures girls' clothes. Wouldn't that be super? I could go to art school nights and work days—"



LINDA peeped round the grey trunk of the apple tree.

"Young woman, you aren't going alone to Green Tree Inn to meet a perfect stranger," Linda's father said firmly.

LINDA consulted the letter again. "He wants you and mother to come and have dinner with him. He says if it's agreeable—Golly, IS it!—his son will come for us, and he hopes we'll stay for dancing."

Linda's eyes turned to her mother who was nodding assent. "Oh, Mom, what will I wear?" Linda asked.

When she had considered her ordinary dress, Linda found it much too simple for a promising young designer. Then she got the idea while she cleared the lunch table. The red and white damask tablecloth was seldom used. Mother had said she might have it and would help her make the dress. Linda looked again at the sketch she had made. The dress wouldn't look right with white slippers. It needed red elastic glass ones, glamorous as Cinderella's!

NEXT day she and her mother made the table cloth dress. It was a great success with round white collar and a bustle back. If she only had slippers, Linda sighed. But her father had all he could manage without luxuries like red glass slippers.

As she dressed, with her parents ready and waiting downstairs, the doorbell rang and a car stopped in front. Linda's mother brought the package the messenger had delivered. Inside were the beautiful red shoes that she had demanded of the leprechaun!

A note in her father's writing was tucked into a toe. "A Cinderella who can make a dance dress from an old tablecloth surely deserves a pair of glass slippers!"

Linda hopped on one foot excitedly, as she thrust the other into the beautiful shoe. She could see from her window, a good-looking boy coming up the walk. Mr Sergeant's son? Of course, not. With a Cinderella and a pair of glass slippers, it was the prince arriving!

## Good Listeners Are Good Learners

OF course you are good talker. Young folks all spend so much time at it and there's nothing wrong with being a talker. But you miss a lot of things by not spending part of your time listening.

Here's a story told by a successful woman writer. She was working at one of her first jobs on a small newspaper where, in addition to running down little news stories, she had to serve part of her time as a reporter.

"One day a shabbily dressed old man came in," she relates. "He started talking and I listened. I

"It won't do you the least good to squirm and twist and scold," she told the furious little man severely. "I'm going to hold on until you grant my wish. But it should be an easy one for a shoe-maker."

Dangling from her hand, the leprechaun growled, "Since I can't help myself, I'll grant your wish. What is it?"

"A pair of very special slippers," Linda said raptly. "Red, glass, and beautiful."

"Silly girl." The leprechaun held up the sturdy little shoes on which he had been hammering. "What's wrong with shoes like these?"

Linda shook her head. "Too old-fashioned!"

The leprechaun looked startled. "Old-fashioned? Put me down, girl. I must do some thinking."

"And if you vanish?" Oh, no!"

"I won't vanish," the wee man promised. When Linda released him he asked: "Are my shoes really too old-fashioned?"

"Linda picked up the tiny shoe, round toed, high laced, sensible heels, thick sole. She shook her head. "Yes," she said, "that's a very old shoe."

"That must be why business has fallen off!" The leprechaun was thoughtful. "I've hardly had an order all year and I seldom see my shoes worn nowadays."

Linda picked up her pencil and sketch pad. "This is what Cinderella should wear to the ball—" She drew a tiny high-heeled sandal.

The leprechaun looked at the picture, stroking his pointed chin. "I see what you mean," he admitted. "More grace, lightness, eh? Now, what would you wear for walking?"

Linda's pencil sketched brogues, loafers, ballet slippers and moccasins. The leprechaun was amazed. "Hrm-m," he said, "The things people wear on their feet!" Then in a flash he was gone.

"Draff!" Linda said. "I should have held him tight until he delivered the slippers!"

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learned that he was a real old-timer in town and he told me enough in a few minutes to put me on the track of half a dozen feature stories all of which helped me in my career. After that I learned to listen instead of talk. You hear such interesting things."

People who never listen, never learn. A good listener somehow always gains friends. One reason is that so many people, both young and old, are lonely because no one listens to them.

Watch yourself. It's fair to carry on your own end of the conversation, but don't try to monopolize the talking. If you find that you talk too much, stop awhile and notice what interesting things others have to say. You'll not only learn, but you'll win friends.

The story opens with Ebenezer Scrooge seated in his counting house on Christmas Eve, returning "Bah! Humbug!" to his nephew's seasonal good wishes. But when he returns that night to his gloomy, solitary lodgings, the ghost of his former partner appears to him and the miserable fate that awaits him if he does not change his ways—an eternity of loneliness and regret.

Then come three more ghosts—the Ghost of Christmas Past, who takes the old miser back to the scenes of his childhood and earlier manhood, showing him what might have been had greed not become his master; the Ghost of Christmas Present who shows Scrooge the simple happy Christmas festivities of his despised and poverty-stricken clerk, Bob Cratchit; and the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come, who shows him his own death, lonely and unwept.

When he awakes on Christmas morning Scrooge hears the church bells ringing; sends the biggest turkey he can buy to Bob Cratchit and increases his pittance to a living wage; makes up his quarell with his nephew, and becomes the soul of generosity to charity.

British listeners know it almost off by heart, but still they tune in. It has become part of the Christmas ritual.



## ZOO'S WHO



THE BARRACUDA, NOT THE SHARK, IS THE MOST DANGEROUS OF ALL THE MARINE FISH...



TORTOISES SOMETIMES ARE FOUND ON THE DESERT SIXTY MILES FROM WATER...



THE WOOLLY ELEPHANT DIDN'T DEVELOP HIS HEAVY COAT UNTIL THE COMING OF AN ICE AGE...



the paper, so that it may revolve freely.

Now order it to revolve on the needle point. At first it will wobble—perhaps revolving slowly at first and in one direction or the other; but if your hands remain steady and you concentrate upon a certain direction of movement, the paper will revolve until it turns rapidly on the needle point.

Then take a long needle and force it through a cork so that the point extends an inch or so above the top side of the cork. Place the cork with its needle, point up, on top of an inverted glass, so that there may be free movement of both hands and of the paper which is to revolve on the needle point.

Then take the piece of paper and balance it, where the creases intersect, on the point of the needle, placing it so that the four sides of the pyramid point downward.

Next put the equipment on a table in a room free from draughts.

Place your hands around the piece of paper in a semi-cupped position, keeping the hands or fingers a half inch or so away from the needle point.

If you mentally order a change in direction, the one-way movement will cease and the paper will start moving in the opposite direction.

Do not breathe on the paper. Many explanations of why the paper revolves have been offered. These include heat waves, and body reflexes.

## A DICKENS FAVOURITE

CHRISTMAS in Britain would not be complete without the radio version of the Dickens story "A Christmas Carol". For many years now this has featured in the Christmas programmes of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

The evils which the great nineteenth-century reformer-novelist describes have, of course, passed away—Bob Cratchit's fifteen shillings a week and one day's holiday a year as Scrooge's clerk would be impossible in present-day Britain. But the Christmas spirit of the novel remains.

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The casting of bells has not changed basically since medieval days, though it has advanced technically. Tuning is still the most important process in bell-making. Every bell that is cast has five holes, and the principle of harmonic tuning is to get the main note and the other four in perfect harmony, so that they will not cause the slightest discord, and also to get the main note in tune with other bells of the same peal. The tuner, carrying on his ancient art, now has a machine to pare away parts of the metal until he gets the bell ringing true. Bells are made of alloy of pure copper and tin.

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## BEAUTY OF THE BELLS

MANY lands will hear the Christmas message rung on bells which owe their tunefulness and beauty to a "lost art". Ancient craftsmen knew the secret of true harmonic tuning, but for a long period the formula was lost.

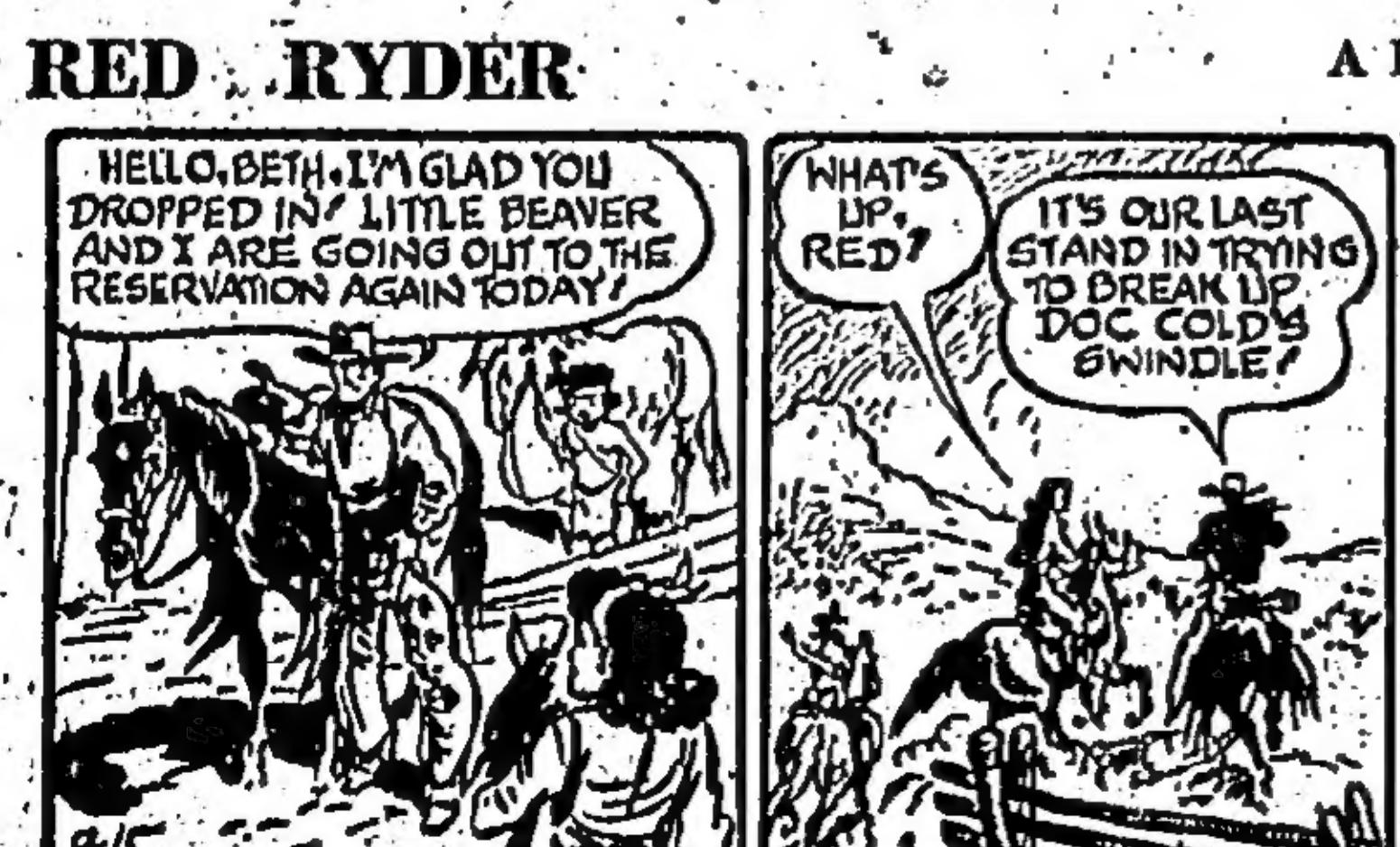
Knowledge of it had died with the craftsmen. Much experiment was made to re-discover the skill of accurate tuning, but not until about 30 years ago was the lost art finally found again in the bell foundries of Britain. This explains the supremacy which bells from Britain have gained throughout the world.

One foundry alone in London has made bells for Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, Palestine, Argentina, the West Indies, Egypt, Persia, Holland, Belgium and Malta. Old bells have been sent to Britain from many lands to be retuned according to the rediscovered formula, which has been improved upon since first it yielded up its ancient secret.

The casting of bells has not changed basically since medieval days, though it has advanced technically. Tuning is still the most important process. In bell-making.

Every bell that is cast has five holes, and the principle of harmonic tuning is to get the main note and the other four in perfect harmony, so that they will not cause the slightest discord, and also to get the main note in tune with other bells of the same peal. The tuner, carrying on his ancient art, now has a machine to pare away parts of the metal until he gets the bell ringing true. Bells are made of alloy of pure copper and tin.

## RED RYDER



## A Big Job



## BY FRED HARMAN



## SPARE MOMENTS PAGE

EXCLUSIVE 'TELEGRAPH' FEATURE

## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

BORN today, it is likely that you are possessed of more latent talents than you realize. You are exceptionally versatile and are apt to waste considerable energy by trying your hand at too many different things at once. Specialisation will help to show you a more direct way to success.

You are basically an idealist and will venture to lengths to make them materialise. Sometimes you are too venturesome for your own good and it might be well for you to

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

TO be born on Christmas Day is an unusual and rare coincidence and those whose birthdays fall upon it are very apt to share in the unusual characteristics which seem to make this a day apart from all the rest.

The qualities of greatness are yours if you are able to make the most of your potentials. You have a strong character, but one in which over-emotionalism can play a large

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A fine Christmas day. Good for social contacts and for travel. Make this day to be remembered.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Social and romantic ventures are especially favoured although you should find all aspects of life excellent.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Gain your desires, perhaps by embarking upon a journey. Social contacts may even improve future business outlooks.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Carelessness is usually the cause of accidents. Be cautious to be safe.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

BORN today, your innate love of harmony is perhaps your most outstanding characteristic. You enjoy being at peace with your fellow man. Balance and beauty in everything around is very important. You will go a long way to avoid people and conditions who are incompatible. Not that you refuse to worth the trouble.

But when it comes to propagating something in which you believe, there are no lengths to

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Moderation in all things is your watchword for today. Make your plans for the future carefully and fully.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Not a day for too much activity. Relax and store up energy for the days to come when you will need it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Pay close attention to details and see to it that everything is running smoothly on the home front.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Still be careful to avoid accidents through carelessness. Otherwise, you may anticipate an excellent day.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Not a time to set the world on fire. Make the last few days of the old year significant ones. New contacts and fresh opportunities are waiting to go.

## Skeleton Crossword

In this crossword the black squares and clue numbers as well as the words are left for the solver to fill in. Four black squares and the clue numbers have been inserted to give you a start.

The pattern formed by the black squares is symmetrical; the top half of the pattern matches the bottom half, and the two sides correspond.

So you can fill in 12 more black squares at once to correspond with those given.

Since there is no 1 down, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th lines will be blank. The 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th lines will be filled in.

Words of less than three letters, where they may occur in squares, are not used in this puzzle.

CLUES ACROSS

1. Their enemies have recently been terminated (two words).

2. A horse of sorts is in the garden.

3. It is hardly what you want, put a stop to the trade combination.

4. A lightning rod? No, but it might get a ground.

5. Savage work, a sound of it.

6. In this kind of race the second rider is very close behind the first.

7. Ocean greyhound.

8. I have a relish beforehand for this sort of guinea-pig.

9. Molotov could certainly not be.

10. Grotesque performance of "Chanticleer".

11. French passengers who do not do to have been 21.

12. The French are invited to pur-chase a cold (not gold) brick? (five words).

CLUES DOWN

1. Centre board in a rowing-boat? 2. Grease is, oddly enough, applied by hand! Not a good match this.

(Solution on Page 14)

NANCY Right From the Heart



## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



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12-24

"Your father grumbles about all the fuss we go to, but be sure to put his presents out in front so he won't knock the tree down getting to them!"

## BY THE

WAY  
by Beachcomber

IT is amusing to hear the television people complaining that shortages of material and labour are holding up their programme of development.

As the novel idea of providing people with homes seems to have been abandoned, why not divert the labour and material once needed for this purpose and use them to hurry on with Priority Number One?

"Build a television room for each family, and let the home grow round it," said a B.B.C. spokesman.

**It is not generally known**

AMONG these recent scientific discoveries which seem to hold out hope for a rotting world is one

by a Hungarian doctor. He found

that "if rabbits were made to smell

perfumes, veins in their ears dilated and became warmer." This seemed

to prove that "the time will come

when agreeable fragrances will take

the place of medicine in helping

tired people to regain their vigour."

It is not generally known that

a pig smacks charcoal its little boots

all with sand.

**Hogwasch means business**

SOL HOGWASCH anticipates that

the decision that English films

must henceforth stand on their

merits will mean considerable

changes. He himself was about to

send a film-unit to Australia to

shoot the outdoor scenes for his

"Love All Alone" the life story of

Henry James. The scenes will be

built of inferior cardboard and

shot in the studio. Dawn Kedgurce

has consented to have her weekly

salary cut from £2500 to £450, and a

stampede of real elephants has

been changed to a stampede of dogs,

hired at 9d. an hour, in "War and

Peace." A corps of 600 dancers for

the ballroom scene in "Ivanhoe"

is to use bicycles instead of motor-

couches to travel to and from the

studio.

**Working overtime**

A WOMAN in Switzerland for a

holiday was amazed at the

enormous rocks in the valley where

she was staying. "Where on earth do

they all come from?" She asked a

native of the place. "The glacier

brought them down," said the

Swiss. "But where's the glacier?"

she asked. "He's gone back for

more rocks," replied the Swiss.

**GEMINI (May 22-June 22)**—Organisational activities may make

demands upon your attention. Be

co-operative and helpful to get ex-

cellent results.

**CANCER (June 23-July 23)**—Early

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there is a distinct improvement as

the day gets older. Be progressive

when afternoon comes.

**LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)**—Not a

good day for you. In fact it will

take tact, consideration for others

and wisdom to steer a clear course.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**—Guard

against a health upset. A surprise

in the realm of love or romance may

prove important, too.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**—A

better day for social matters than

for business affairs. Go slow.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec.**

22)—Your health is of the utmost

importance right now. Guard

against a digestive upset. Beware

of false promises.

**ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)**—One of

those days when nothing goes

exactly according to schedule. Stick

to routine. Postpone new activities.

**TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)**—If

you are resourceful and enterprising

a lot of good things can happen to you. Be constructive.

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## Indonesian "Police Action"

## Dutch Attempting To Pioneer 'New Way In East-West Relations'

New York, Dec. 23.—Dr Herman J. Friedericy, Netherlands Government spokesman, in a Press conference today defended Dutch "police action" in Indonesia, saying the measures were taken to allay a Republican revolt, scheduled for January 1, which he described as "Communist-inspired."

Dr Friedericy declared that "The basis of the trouble is Communist influence" in Indonesia, despite successful repression by the Republican Government of the Communist uprising.

The spokesman said the Interned Indonesian leaders would probably be released to return to office after the administration had been rid of extremists. The Government, he said, would then be run in co-operation with the Dutch Government for the formation of an independent Republic of Indonesia.

In a prepared statement, Dr Friedericy, who heads the Political Department of the Netherlands Ministry for Overseas Territories in The Hague, explained the Dutch action with: "The Republican Army, taking orders from no one, not even the Republican Government, was well on the way to destroying all chances of orderly government in Indonesia."

## TRUCE "UNWORKABLE"

Comparing the situation with the recent India-Hyderabad case, where

## SPORT NEWS:

## Statement By Directors Of Derby County

London, Dec. 23.—The directors of Derby County, First Division football club, have issued an official statement following the Football League's disclosure that the club's account books have been called for examination.

The statement read: "We are surprised that the League Secretary should think fit, at this juncture, to make a statement to the Press.

"The facts are that the Football League has asked for the production of the club's books, which have been in its possession at present for the past nine weeks.

"No indications have been received from the League of the discovery of irregular payments, but has any official enquiry been held?"

The statement was signed by Mr. B. Robshaw, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the club.

It may be several months before any findings are announced by the Football League, but the secretary, Mr. Fred Howarth, said that the allegations covered a period before 1946. He emphasised that this was not an indication of a general probe of clubs' books.

"The League has not the slightest intention of culling the books of any other club unless specific information is received. We received certain information and it was necessary to follow it up."

"It is a matter of wages to players which concerns us at the moment, but you never know what comes out in the course of the inquiries," Mr. Howarth said.

"If any payment of any kind has been made to a player contrary to the rules, the League Management's Committee would take appropriate action."

Such action would include the barring of directors and managers from taking part in football management and the fining or suspension of players.—Reuter.

## JOE'S BAD PATCH

London, Dec. 23.—Joe Davis, the world snooker champion, made eight unsuccessful attempts to score a century break in 20 minutes during an All-Star charity show at the Leicester Square Hall, London, today.

His best run was 54.—Reuter.

## ASKS FOR TRANSFER

London, Dec. 23.—Roddy Munro, 25-year-old Brentford full-back, is to be placed on the transfer list at his own request. He was injured in a trial at the beginning of the season and has been unable to find a place in the first team. The transfer will be on an exchange basis.—Reuter.

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